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Subject: FW: Comment Received from Public Access

Application Reference No. : HGY/2015/0311
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Submission: Objection
Comments: I wish to object to the proposal to demolish these buildings. Although it states 11 Tottenham Lane as the site, it also includes 7 Tottenham Lane, the site of the original factory of Lotus Cars and a building of great historical significance.

I note also that the applicant states that 'There are no listed buildings on or near the site...' yet I am led to believe that the buildings at 7 Tottenham Lane were indeed added to its Register of Listed Buildings by Haringey Council in 2004. If so, the applicant is incorrect.

In the Design and Access Statement on p2, the building with 'Jewson - Customer Entrance' is the office and showroom used by Lotus Cars to display its Lotus Elite model when it was launched. In addition, the building to the North of the site near the pub which is to be refurbished to provide offices and toilets was built by Lotus Cars in the late 1950s to provide extra space for production of its Lotus Eleven sports racing cars and for stores.

I urge you to reject the application and ask the applicant to make better and more sympathetic use of the existing buildings. My preferred option would be for the buildings to be redeveloped as a heritage museum to celebrate the fact that Lotus Cars was established in the Borough of Haringey, which could bring welcome tourism revenue to the Borough but also to educate visitors about engineering and persuade young people that engineering represents an excellent career choice for them and is an area where the UK leads the world.

I urge you to reject this application and respect the historical significance of this site and the buildings that stand on it.