

Daniel Kwasi

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Sent: 12 July 2023 17:49
To: Daniel Kwasi
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Subject: HGY/2023/1122 - 65 Bounds Green Road, Wood Green, London, N22 8HB

Dear Daniel,

property at No 65 Bounds Green Road is in the Trinity Gardens Conservation Area and is deemed to positively contribute to the character of the area together with its boundary wall.

Before partial demolition in February 2023, the wall conditions had deteriorated to the point that it was unstable, and a large section was bowing out towards the pavement thus posing a danger to the public. Both a Development Management manager and the conservation officer visited the site together with the property owner and their builder to ascertain the conditions of the surviving wall and of the salvaged bricks.

and to advise about the planning process to re-erect the partially demolished boundary wall.

The meeting was not a formal pre-application discussion, no pre-application advice was provided, and no advice note was accordingly issued.

The applicants were instead informed by email about the type and format of the necessary information to submit a suitable planning application including the preparation and submission of material specification and Photos of material samples of proposed replacement bricks and pointing mortar portrayed near the remaining wall, so to demonstrate the carefully chosen replacement brick mix and pointing mortar to match the originals as closely as possible. While on site officers were presented with brick samples for the reconstruction of the wall. Photos of the same brick samples have been submitted as part of the application, but no material specification has been submitted. However, no material specification, mortar sample or brickwork panel was available at the site visit attended by officers, and it should be noted that no work can be agreed with officers, at pre-application stage and in lack of detailed information.

Works are agreed on and consented through submission of a formal application.

This overdue application is welcome in principle from the heritage conservation perspective, however the proposed total dismantling and reconstruction of the wall to build concrete foundations is contrary to key heritage conservation principles of retention of original fabric and forms and is not justified by any sound, professional assessment of the conditions of the wall.

Likewise, the proposed cementitious pointing mortar mix, which is incompatible with the original materiality and appearance of the historic wall, as well as being contrary to the conservation officer's advice to replace the original mortar like for like, raises concerns about the risk of further damage to and loss of original brickwork.

The proposed works risk to harm the surviving fabric of the historic wall that positively contributes to its heritage setting and does not provide a sufficient level of information about the proposed brickwork. In its current configuration the application cannot be supported from the heritage stance.

Regards,

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