

Officer's Report

Application Number	HGY/2023/1613
Type	Consent to display an advertisement
Location	Restaurant, 185 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BA
Proposal	Replacement of 1 x fascia sign and installation of 2 new x internally illuminated letter signs.
Case Officer	Zara Seelig
Valid Date	30/05/2023
Applicant	Mr Ercan Aksu
Agent	Mrs Valeriya Gribanova

RECOMMENDATION

Approve with Conditions

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND LOCATION DETAILS

Proposed Development

This is an application for advertisement consent for the replacement of 1 x fascia sign and installation of 2 x illuminated letter signs.

Site and Surroundings

The site is a two storey detached building consisting of 2 units on the ground floor, one being a restaurant which applies to this application, the second floor is one whole floor associated with the restaurant unit on the ground floor. The site is situated on the Western side of High Road. The proposal is not located within a Conservation Area, it is not within the curtilage of a listed building.

Relevant Planning and Enforcement History

There is extensive planning history on this site but the most recent relevant application is as follows:

HGY/2016/0222 - Display of 3 x internally illuminated fascia signs and 3 x internally illuminated projecting signs. - Approved (with conditions)

CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The following were consulted regarding the application:

Internal: LBH Transportation Group : Consulted - There are no transport objections regarding this application.

External: None

LOCAL REPRESENTATIONS

The application was published by way of 22 letters to neighbouring properties and a site notice posted.

The number of representations received from neighbours, local groups etc in response to notification and publicity of the application were as follows:

No of individual responses:

Objecting: none

Supporting: none

The following local groups/societies made representations: None

The following Councillor made representations: None

The following issues were raised in representations that are material to the determination of the application:

- None

The following issues raised are not material planning considerations:

- None

MATERIAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Regulation 3(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisement) Regulations 2007 states that a local planning authority shall exercise its powers under these Regulations in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking into account the provisions of the development plan, so far as they are material; and any other relevant factors.

The definition of “amenity” includes both visual and aural amenity. Therefore as well as visual amenity, the noise generated by advertisements should be considered. “Public safety” is not confined to road safety. Crime prevention and detection are relevant; the obstruction of highway surveillance cameras, speed cameras and security cameras by advertisements is now included.

The revised NPPF (July 2018) states in Paragraph 132 that “the quality and character of places can suffer when advertisements are poorly sited and designed. A separate consent process within the planning system controls the display of advertisements, which should be operated in a way which is simple, efficient and effective. Advertisements should be subject to control only in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking account of cumulative impacts.”

The main considerations in the assessment of this application are therefore amenity and public safety. In this respect DM Policy DM3 ‘Public Realm’ states that proposals for all advertisements should be designed to a high standard and, in particular, should:

- a Contribute to a safe and attractive environment;
- b Be of a high quality and sensitive to its visual appearance on the building on which it is to be sited and the surrounding street scene, especially in the case of listed buildings and conservation areas;
- c Avoid unsightly proliferation or clutter of signage in the vicinity;
- d Not cause a hazard to pedestrians or road users, including by siting and design;
- e Be sited to avoid visual intrusion of light pollution into adjoining residential properties;
- f Where appropriate, be constructed of materials and finishes which discourage both graffiti and fly posting.

Impact on Amenity

The site is located within an established shop frontage and the proposed works are in keeping with the character of the locality. There are residential properties located above the ground floor retail units of the building opposite the application site, however, due to the distance between the

signage and those neighbouring habitable room windows, it is not considered to adversely impact the amenities of these neighbouring properties.

Public safety

There are no concerns relating to public safety that arise from this proposal.

Conclusion

The proposal complies with relevant planning policy and is considered acceptable. All other relevant policies and considerations, including equalities, have been taken into account. Planning permission should be granted for the reasons set out above. The details of the decision are set out in the RECOMMENDATION.

RECOMMENDATION

GRANT ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT with condition(s):

Conditions:

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 - A. That the display of the advertisement (s) shall be permitted for a period of five years from the date of this decision.
 - B. Any advertisements displayed, and any site used for the display of advertisements, shall be maintained in a clean and tidy condition.
 - C. Any structure or hoarding erected or used principally for the purpose of displaying advertisements shall be maintained in a safe condition.
 - D. Where any advertisement is required under these regulations to be removed, the site shall be left in a condition that does not endanger the public.
 - E. No advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site or any other person with an interest in the site entitled to grant permission.
 - F. No advertisement shall be sited or displayed so as to- (a) endanger persons using any highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military); (b) obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of, any traffic sign, railway signal or aid to navigation by water or air; or (c) hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle.

Reason: The conditions are imposed by virtue of the Regulation 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

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 - The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in complete accordance with the approved plans and drawings listed in this decision notice, other than where those details are altered pursuant to the conditions of this planning permission.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

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 - The luminance levels of the illuminated advertisement hereby approved shall be limited to 300cd/m2.

Reason: In order to safeguard the visual amenity of the locality.