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New comments by the Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum

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Approval of details reserved by a condition 15 (Heritage Management Plan) of the approved planning permission HGY/2017/2220.

Dear Sam,

Please find below comments on the revised Conservation Management Plan (CMP) submitted in November 2024.

With the construction works largely complete the opportunity to revise and extend the original CMP is well taken, strengthening the document considerably. The revised CMP responds positively to the points we raised in 2023 and will hopefully prove successful in providing long-term safeguarding of the heritage significance of this remarkable building.

A couple of points:

- We welcome the updated gazetteer in particular which, together with earlier conservation inventories, now forms a complete aide-memoire for future conservation.
- The conservation of the building is strengthened by the reference to earlier conservation reports, and hope that the CMP continues to evolve as a dynamic record in the future.
- Our concern regarding unfixed original furniture and fittings necessarily persists. Such items are not easily replaced, and their location within the building requires careful monitoring.

- The revisions to the management sections are well drawn, though it is notable that the Arts and Community Operator, as referred to in the document, is already changed, as have the identities of half the named staff. This serves to illustrate that the Building management proposals must be transferable over the long term.
- I note that the successful operation of HTH requires co-operation and collaboration between different occupants including a “shared management structure”. To strengthen this may I suggest that the operation of the CMP is also included as an agenda item under the remit of the *Community Use and Access Steering Group*?

We look forward to viewing the remaining outstanding submissions associated with the scheme, including the Community Use Plan and the Public Access Plan.

There is much local anticipation of the final completion of the HTH project and the long awaited re-opening of the building. The community has not yet had the opportunity to tour the restored interior spaces, but we feel sure that the quality of the conservation work will meet both local aspirations, and the aims and objectives of Haringey and the new owners and operators of the Town Hall. The regenerative effect of the scheme alone is of considerable importance to Crouch End and beyond.

Our thanks to the planning staff involved for your diligence.

My regards,

Mark Afford

Chair, Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum