

Notes towards a BCC Response:**BCC830**

04/02/2018

Planning Application:**Goddards on the corner of Brentford High Street and Half Acre**

1. An exhibition of this scheme was held recently to illustrate the design approach for re-building Goddards.
2. It is thought that the BCC would welcome a re-build as the present building is not up to the standard required on this important site.
3. Goddards is the end building of the north side of the High Street. If the whole of the northside is re-built at some point the Magistrate's court building should remain the dominant feature. This would limit the rebuilt north side to 3 floors plus one further floor, well set back. This would relate to the recent rebuild of Market Buildings.
4. As Goddards would then be the "end" of the new terrace a building of 5 floors would be appropriate.
5. The high stair tower is not acceptable. It would be an intrusive feature in the Butts CA and in the important view from Brentford Station to the town centre, down Half Acre.
6. No plans or elevation details were shown at the exhibition. These are needed before we can prepare final comments.

This is an important site for Brentford and we should study the scheme with proper plans. It looks as though it will not be possible to discuss the scheme at a full meeting with adequate information before the formal planning application is submitted.

The alternatives may be to invite the design team to make a presentation after they have submitted their application on March 12 or to appoint a sub committee now to meet the team late in February.