

Mr Henry Courtier
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By email.

Dear Mr Courtier,

Revised Application: 4/8 Harlequin Avenue

I am writing to thank you and your team for showing me around your premises and for making a presentation of your revised design to the Brentford Community Council last week.

The members of the Planning Consultative Committee have asked me to write to you to say how much we support your initiative in seeking to expand your business in Brentford and to increase your skilled workforce.

Members considered that your revised design was a significant improvement on the scheme you presented to us last February.

Our main concern was with the height of the proposed building. This has not been reduced since you abandoned the original design and these problems remain. We are concerned at the unfortunate silhouette when the building is seen from the A4 over New horizon Court which is a four floor building sited on lower ground.

Even more important is the relationship with the Gillette Building, close to the application site. The buildings in the immediate area are up four floors high and it is clear that the roof of the proposed building, with six floors, would be well above the OD level of the parapet of the Gillette building.

The OD levels given by the applicant are 47.32 on the 6th floor and 43.97 on the fifth floor. Both these levels are above the OD levels for the Gillette parapet, which are 35.9 and 38.9.

The Gillette building is a valued listed structure, designed by Sir Bannister Fletcher and it is important that the buildings in the immediate area should be subservient to it.

It would appear that other sites in this area are likely to be redeveloped and it is therefore very important that this building is kept below the parapet height of the Gillette building, both because of the harm a higher building on this site could do, and because, if the present application is approved, it will be more difficult for the Council to refuse other dominating structures in the area.

We request that the council seek a revision to this design on four floors only, which does not harm the listed Gillette building so that this important local firm can expand.

Yours sincerely

Denis Browne,
Chairman, Planning Consultative Committee
Brentford Community Council

Copies to:

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