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Dear Marilyn,

Ref: BCC 473 dmb
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Planning Applications: No 1 North Road. Consultations.

The Planning Consultancy Committee of the BCC met on Thursday August 27 and heard a presentation by the appointed architects and planning consultants on the current application for No 1 North Road. The committee have asked me to send you their views to incorporate in your reports to your members.

We were reminded that the site has planning approval for development for the conversion of the present building and this was supported by the BCC.

We were also reminded that an application for an eleven floor tower was submitted last year and refused. The BCC opposed that application.

The present application retains the chapel, converting it into an atrium garden with garages below and sites in front of it a 7 floor tower. The committee considered that the character and setting of this locally listed building would be lost if the scheme was approved.

They further noted that the former "Music Museum" close to the site was saved after a recent inquiry which identified it as the local landmark. The BCC consider that the claim that the application building is the suitable landmark for this important area is not well founded.

This building also has some adverse effect on the setting of the listed Trimmer Hall.

The BCC regretted that the proposed building was higher than the tree canopy line and would be seen from Kew Gardens and from Watermans Park.

The BCC welcomed the high quality of materials and the sensitivity of the design, but considered that the building was intrusive and that on balance it was an unacceptable proposal.

We request that consent is **refused**.

Yours Sincerely

Denis Browne
Chairman, Planning Consultative Committee BCC

cc LPP Consultants

