



SAVE OUR SKYLINE UPDATE 24 NOVEMBER 2010

PUBLIC MEETING ON 6 DECEMBER TO FIGHT PLANNING APPLICATION

24 November 2010 - A public meeting has been called by SOS, local residents' associations and community groups to review the Town Hall redevelopment application and learn how most effectively to express opposition to the scheme. We know that the community feels strongly about this scheme, and that not a single local group supports it. However, now that a formal planning application has been submitted, it is vital that we make our objections heard as part of the planning process.

At the meeting we will not only be giving updates on the scheme but advising on how best to make your views count.

The meeting is taking place at 7pm on 6 December at Rivercourt Methodist Church, King Street. All are welcome and encouraged to come and hear about how they can get involved.

New visual released

To further inform the community on what the development is likely to look like once built, SOS has created a new image of the view from the river and the impact that the two tower blocks will have on views from the river. The image takes the elevation of the development from the planning application and scales it to the current river frontage and existing Town Hall.



Comment

John Jones, Chairman of SOS, said:

“As can clearly be seen from the elevation the developers have provided, this project is totally out of scale with the surrounding environment. It dominates the river and surrounding low-rise residential buildings, and is utterly inappropriate for this setting. We urge the community to come together to resist this scheme and to attend the meeting on 6 December.”

About Save Our Skyline

Save Our Skyline is an alliance of Hammersmith residents, associations and amenity groups, new and old. What we share is that we are proud of our local area and want it to be the best it can be.

Donations sought to fund campaign

We promise that all funds collected will be used for the purpose of fighting this proposed redevelopment. In the happy event that the application is withdrawn, any money left over will be donated to local charities.

We have established a Paypal button on the SOS website through which you can donate money to the campaign – you reach it through the button on the bottom right hand side of the website.

Alternatively, if you wish to make a direct donation, SOS's bank details are as follows:

- Bank details: NatWest Marylebone High St Branch
- Name: Save our Skyline
- Sort Code: 60 09 15
- Acct No: 73090174

Planning application

The Council's development partners have submitted their planning application for the redevelopment of the Town Hall and surrounding area. The application reference numbers are:

- 2010/03465/FUL
- 2010/03466/LBC (listed building consent)
- 2010/03467/CAC (conservation area consent)

Selected documents from the application are available to view online at www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/Environment_and_Planning/Planning (search by application number)

For further information:

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A quick reminder of what's planned:

Hammersmith and Fulham Council, in conjunction with its development partners, has now submitted a planning proposal which will:

- Demolish the 7-storey 1970s Town Hall Extension
- Demolish the 3-storey 1930s Cineworld cinema on King Street
- Demolish the 3-4 storey 1900s apartment blocks belonging to Thomas Pocklington Trust, and the 1950s Friends Meeting House
- Construct two new 14+ storey apartment blocks containing 320 luxury apartments - but no affordable housing
- Construct premises for Council offices and shops in two new buildings, up to 9 storeys, either side of the 1930s Town Hall
- Create a 2,000m² supermarket (similar in size to Sainsbury's, King's Mall) - even though there are already 5 mid-size supermarkets within 500m of the site
- Develop a "new" public square between the 1930s Town Hall and King Street
- Construct a pedestrian bridge across the A4 to Furnivall Gardens and the river, with banks over 5m high

Local amenity groups and residents associations with reservations and objections to the proposed plans:

- Hammersmith Society
- Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group
- HAMRA (Hammersmith Mall Residents Association)
- Ravenscourt Society
- Brackenbury Residents Association
- Cambridge Grove & Leamore Street Residents Association
- Ravenscourt Action Group
- Thomas Pocklington Trust
- Friends of Furnivall Gardens
- Friends of Ravenscourt Park
- Digby Mansions Residents Association
- St. Peter's Residents Association
- Westcroft Square Residents Association
- Lord Napier Place Residents Ltd
- Ashchurch Residents Association
- Cathnor Park Area Action Group
- Fulham Society
- Old Chiswick Protection Society
- The London Parks and Gardens Trust
- West London River Group