

# PLANNING REPORT

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EAST SHEEN WARD

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Mr Charies Freedman 26 Staibans Lane Golders Green NW11 7QE **AGENT NAME** 

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Consultations: Internal/External:

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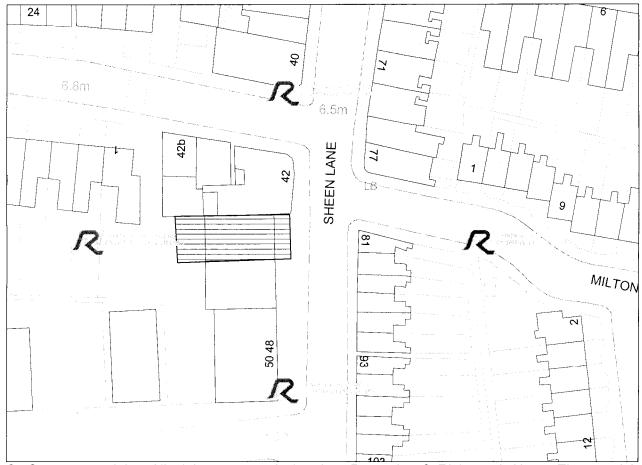
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## PLANNING COMMITTEE - 29 NOVEMBER 2007

07/2611/COU 44 SHEEN LANE EAST SHEEN EAST SHEEN WARD Contact Officer: A Wilson



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**Proposal:** Change of use from Class B1/A2 offices to Class A3 restaurant with external alterations including new shopfront and front lobby entrance

Applicant: Mr Akitokumbo Akiwumi for Mr Charles Freedman

Application Received: 23 July 2007

## Main Development Plan Policies:

IMP 2, BLT 2, 11, 16, 21, 30, TRN 2, 4, 11, EMP 4, CCE18, TC 9.

Present Use: B1/A2 office use

## **Summary of Application**

The marketing evidence suggests there have been difficulties in marketing the property for offices, but in any case a change to restaurant use is considered compatible with the character of the street, supported by the Mixed Use Area designation and would help support the retail and community facilities

of the area. An hours of opening condition can help control noise at anti-social times. Parking and servicing arrangements are considered satisfactory and extractor ducting details an be conditioned to protect against smells nuisance and visual intrusion.

**Recommendation: Permission** 

## Site, History and Proposal:

- This is the ground floor of a 3 storey building on Sheen Lane, outside designated shopping frontage, and last in use as offices (Class B1/A2). There are 4 flats on the upper floors. The offices comprise 102 sq.m. floor area. The entrance to the flats above is from Sheen Lane through a shared lobby with the offices. The building is flat roofed, mainly brick-built, but with the ground floor, and its large modern windows, projecting forward of the upper floors, but set 3.5m back from the neighbouring shop at the corner of St. Leonards Road. The forecourt in front is included within the property's demise. No.46 Sheen Lane to the south is of similar appearance to No.44 and is 2 floors of offices with a flat above.
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## Proposal

The current application is to change the use from offices to a Class A3 restaurant. 20 tables are marked indicatively on the plans, with several on a terrace outside the shopfront which would be rebuilt at an angle backwards from the existing position. The entrance to the restaurant would be through one of the panels in the proposed sliding glazed doors, which form a new shopfront. There would be a separate entrance to the flats through the lobby which would be re-built and lead through to the hall and stairway. The kitchen and staff facilities would be at the rear of the building. The dining area would be approximately 62 sq.m. internal with approximately 21 sq.m. on the terrace (total 83 sq.m). The 4 parking spaces at the rear would be retained for parking and servicing use by the restaurant. An extract duct is indicated running up the rear wall to project 500mm above the roof.

### **Public and Other Representations:**

- 5 6 letters of objection have been received based on;
- · Late evening noise, nuisance and loss of residential amenity
- Loss of privacy in residential across Sheen Lane;
- Cooking smells;
- Parking
- sufficient restaurants in the area;
- inadequate consultation;

- out of keeping with predominantly residential area;
- No late evening businesses in the area;
- destroys symmetry of building with No.46;
- loss of pedestrian space;
- additional street clutter;
- unsympathetic new shopfront;
- insufficient marketing of the offices;
- restaurant incompatible with conservation area status;
- 7 One non-planning letter of objection received; High level of competition would damage the viability of existing businesses;
- 1 **Thames Water** recommends installation of a fat trap in line with best practice for the disposal of fats, oils and grease.

### **Professional Comments:**

#### Land use

The property is situated outside but on the edge of designated secondary shopping frontage. With the existing and neighbouring properties in commercial uses, a restaurant would be considered in keeping with the character of the area. The current use is considered predominantly B1 business, meaning it is subject to Policy EMP 4 which restricts changes out of employment use. The property has been marketed for office use (commercial agents' information suggests for a period between 6 months and a year) and has had very limited interest. The policy section have examined this, and consider that due to Sheen Lane's important shopping street function, and the closeness of the station and community facilities, that a restaurant use would be compatible with the retail and community function of the area. The objections based on the use being out of keeping with the area are not accepted, as it is within the Mixed Use Area, and the existing property, and those either side are all in commercial use.

#### Amenity

Notwithstanding the above, the proposal has to be considered with regard to impact on neighbour amenity. There are residential properties across Sheen Lane and in flats above the existing commercial premises. However, the likely noise levels generated would not be uncharacteristic of Sheen Lane, with its many non-residential uses. The outdoor terrace would increase vitality in the streetscene and that is generally welcomed in streets with a community and retail function. However, a condition is recommended to ensure closure at 11.00 p.m so that disturbance is controlled during normal sleeping hours. Regarding cooking smells, notwithstanding the rear ducting indicated, it is recommended that a condition is imposed to ensure that extract ducting is designed to minimise nuisance from smells whilst preventing visual obtrusion.

#### Physical alterations

The existing building appears to date from the 1960's and has no particular architectural merit and there are no objections to the contemporary design. The front of the building already steps back from the adjoining property at the corner of St Leonards Road and the upper floors step back from the ground floor meaning that a forward building line is not established in this group of buildings. There are therefore no objections to the stepping inwards of the new shopfront from its existing position. The symmetry with the ground floor frontage with No.46 Sheen Lane would be disrupted, but the architecture at ground level does not warrant any such protection.

## Highways and Parking

- The four parking spaces at the rear of the property would be retained for the restaurant, and these would also be used for service vehicles. Servicing already takes place from the yard at the rear of 44-50 Sheen Lane, where there is also a designated turning area for the various businesses. This includes the Sheen Bed warehouse, and as it is likely that smaller transit sized vehicles would service the restaurant, there are not expected to be vehicular manoeuvring problems.
- Although service vehicles would share the parking spaces with customers and staff, deliveries would typically be during weekday mornings, when the restaurant is likely to be quiet. The 4 spaces would be one below the maximum adopted car parking standard for restaurants, based on the dining area indicated, but many customers would live within walking distance and the most busy time is likely to be the evenings, when there would be further spare capacity in the nearby Sheen Centre car park.
- 7 The forecourt where the terrace is proposed, forms part of the property's demise, and so there would be no loss of public footway.

#### Conclusion

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I therefore recommend **PERMISSION**, subject to the following conditions and informatives:

## **Standard Conditions:**

AT01 - Development commence within 3 years

BD12 - Details materials to be approved

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DV18A - Refuse arrangements

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RS05 - Restriction air conditioning

RS13A - Staff leaving premises.

#### Non-standard conditions:

NS01 - The parking spaces on the plans hereby approved shall be maintained permanently for parking and servicing, for the sole use by staff, customers, or those servicing the premises.
 REASON: To ensure the proposed use does not prejudice the free flow of traffic on the neighbouring highways, road safety and the amenity of the area.

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#### Standard Informatives:

IE05A - Noise control - building sites IE01A - Food hygiene

IH06C Damage to public highway

IL10A - Building regulations

 Building regulations
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Policies and Proposals UDP 1st review -IMP 2, BLT 2, 11, 16, 21, 30, TRN 2, 4, 11, EMP 4, **IL16** 

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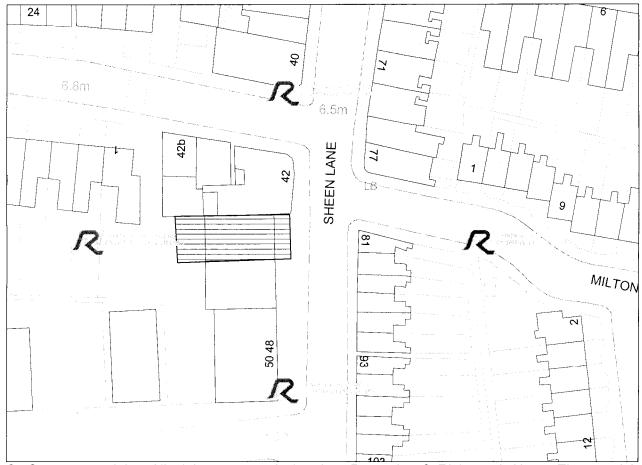
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