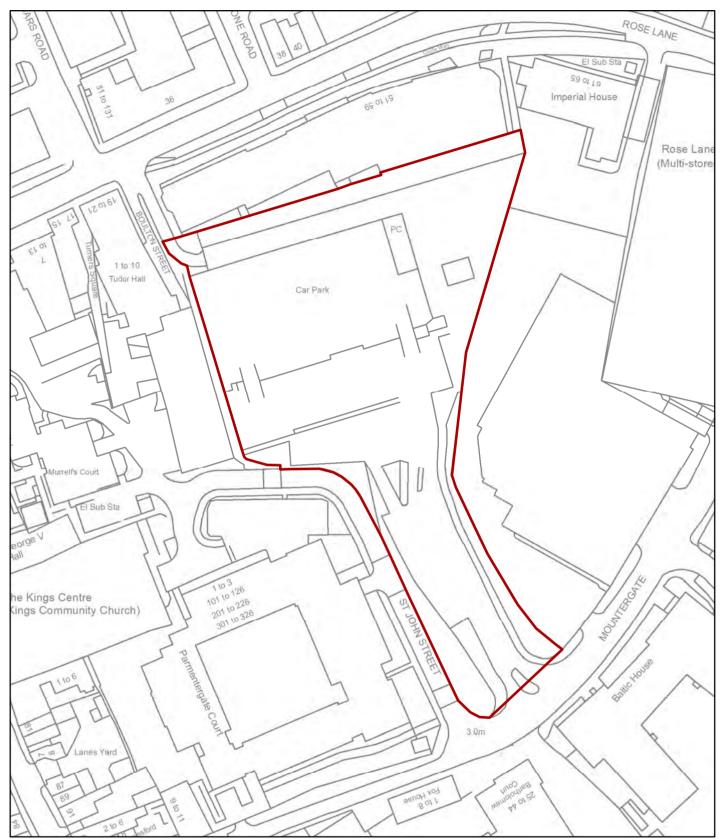
Report to	Planning Applications Committee	ltem
	9 December 2021	
Report of	Head of Planning and Regulatory Services	1/~
Subject	Application no 21/00821/F, Surface car park Rose Lane	4(a)
Reason	Objection	
for referral	Objection	

Ward	Thorpe Hamlet	
Case officer	Robert Webb robertwebb@norwich.gov.uk	
Applicant	Mr Gregg, TP3 Ltd	

Development proposal			
Temporary entertainment and leisure venue comprising enclosed auditorium			
space.	space.		
Representations			
Object	Comment	Support	
44	0	5	
Comments on revised plans (removal of external rides, market stalls and beer			
garden with amendment to site area)			
Object	Comment	Support	
8	0	3	

Main issues	Key considerations
1. Principle of development	Principle of eating/drinking venue,
	consideration of site allocation policy,
	principle of temporary use
2. Design	Conideration of layout, scale, massing,
	appearance
3. Heritage	Consideration of impact on Conservation
	Area and nearby listed building
4. Amenity	Consideration of impacts from noise,
	overlooking, overshadowing, overbearing,
	loss of privacy
5. Transport	Accessibility, vehicle access, highway
	safety, vehicle parking and servicing, cycle
	parking
Energy and water	The provision of energy efficiency
efficiency	measures
7. Flood risk	The impact of the proposal on flood risk
8. Trees	The impact of the proposal on trees
9. Biodiversity	Ecological impacts
10. Archaeology	Impacts on the main area of archaeological
	interest
Expiry date	10 September 2021
Recommendation	Approval



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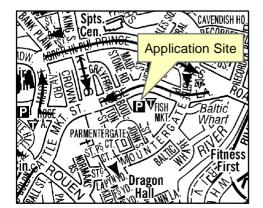
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Update following Planning Applications Committee Meeting on 11 November 2021

- 1. At its meeting on 11 November 2021, the planning applications committee deferred further consideration of this planning application to the next meeting because members considered that they needed further information on noise assessment and the opportunity to question the environmental protection officer in person.
- 2. Since that meeting, officers have met with the applicant and further information has been submitted in support of the application. This includes a further response from the applicant's noise consultant, an operator's management statement, further information on the construction and sound insulation of the building and a statement setting out the benefits of the proposal.
- 3. There is a minor change to the plans in response to concerns raised at the previous meeting. This relates to the smoking shelter which has been moved from its previous position next to the site entrance, to the other side of the building on the south-east corner. The new information is set out in more detail and considered under Main Issue 4 of this report. It is also available to view on the planning section of the council's website.

The site and surroundings

- 4. The site is a disused surface level car park, previously the site of a multi-storey car park which was demolished in the early 2000's. It is situated between Rose Lane and Mountergate. To the north of the site is the Union building which comprises offices and a rooftop bar/restaurant.
- 5. To the north-east is Imperial House, a former office building that has been converted into residential apartments. To the east is Rose Lane multi-storey Car Park and a further surface car park and building occupied by a motor trade company. To the south is a large residential block of flats known as Parmentergate Court, with further properties within Murrell's Court and Tudor Hall to the west. Also to the west is a public footpath which leads from Boulton Street to St. John's Street, and a community garden, which is currently not open to the public.
- 6. The site itself is almost entirely surfaced with hardstanding. The area where the proposed building would be located comprises a raised concrete platform accessed via two ramps. There is a disused toilet block next to this. The site is currently enclosed by temporary hoardings.

Constraints

7. City Centre Conservation Area – King Street Character Area

Grade II listed Tudor Hall adjacent to the site

Site allocation CC4

Regeneration area

City Centre leisure area

Area of main archaeological interest

Relevant planning history

Ref	Proposal	Decision	Date
4/2002/1280	Demolition of car park to ground level.	APPR	13/03/2003
21/00821/F	Temporary entertainment and leisure venue comprising enclosed auditorium space.	PCO	

8. The records held by the city council show the following planning history for the site.

The proposal

- 9. A temporary planning permission for 9 months is sought for a 300-seater indoor eating and drinking venue, comprising a number of food stalls, large screen and performance stage. In terms of planning use class, the use is sui generis. The auditorium would be constructed of painted profiled steel sheets and shipping containers. It would have a pitched roof with a ridge height of 11.3m and an eaves height of 7.8m. The building would be 48m long and 21m wide. The shipping containers would be situated around the permitter of the building, accommodating a number of food vendors which would be accessed internally. Ancillary development would include bin stores, cycle storage, and an entrance tunnel from Boulton Street.
- 10. The main public access would be from Rose Lane/Boulton Street, with servicing and deliveries taking place from the Mountergate access. There would be no public access from Mountergate. An existing disused toilet block immediately adjacent to the auditorium would be refurbished and used as toilet facilities. Cycle storage would be provided within the site, and a bin store located to the rear.
- 11. The proposal has been amended during the application process to omit the outside activities including fairground rides, market stalls and beer gardens. The red line site area was also amended to omit the adjacent public footpath and community garden. The smoking shelter is now proposed to be sited on the south-eastern corner of the building, moving it further away from nearby residences. Since the previous committee meeting, the applicant has submitted further information setting out what they consider to be the benefits of the proposal, and this is available to view on the case file within the planning section of the Council's website.

Representations

12. Advertised on site and in the press. Adjacent and neighbouring properties have been notified in writing. 5 letters of support and 44 letters of objection were received commenting on the original plans. The application was subsequently readvertised based on the amended plans and a further 3 letters of support (one new respondent) and 8 letters of objection (from the same respondents as before) were received. The issues raised are summarised in the table below. All representations are available to view in full at http://planning.norwich.gov.uk/online-applications/ by entering the application number.

Issues raised	Response
Comments in objection to the proposal (original plans):	
Concern about noise nuisance	See main issue 4
Concern about increased anti-social behaviour and crime	See main issue 4
Concern about late night opening	See main issue 4
Concern about people loitering at Boulton Street entrance	See main issue 4
Concern about overlooking of flat and garden	See main issue 4
Out of character for the residential area and conservation area	See main issues 2 and 3
Concern about increase in traffic	See main issue 5
Concern about impact on vulnerable people	See main issue 4
Concern about impact from external lighting	See main issue 4
The proposal is outside of the late night activity zone	See main issue 1
Proposed access and egress would lead to an unacceptable level of funnelling and queueing of people	See main issue 4
A sequential test should have been applied to the location	See main issue 1
There is a lack of assessment regarding the impact on Tudor Hall, a listed building	See main issue 3
Significant details are missing, such as the details of acoustic barriers and the building fabric	See main issue 2
Proposal is contrary to site allocation policy CC4 of the Local Plan	See main issue 1
Concerns about using the nearby Rooftop Gardens as a baseline within the noise report	See main issue 4
The assessment within the noise report is inadequate and not fit for purpose	See main issue 4
There are alternative locations available such as the OPEN venue and St. Mary's works	See main issue 1
Lack of assessment of comings and goings to the venue	See main issue 4
Concern about cumulative effect with other bars such as Rooftop Gardens, Last Pub Standing, Queen of Iceni.	See main issue 4
Concern about increased litter and food waste	See main issue 4
Concerned about heritage impacts of the proposal	See main issue 3

Issues raised	Response
Concern about use of adjacent alleyway and further problems here.	See main issue 4
Concern about creating a precedent of	See main issue 4
entertainment venues in this area	
Concern about deliveries clashing with	See main issue 5
school drop off time (Charles Darwin School)	
Comments in support of the proposal	
(original plans):	
Pleased to see something happening with	See main issue 4
this site as it will hopefully deter anti-social	
behaviour. Sensitivity to nearby residents is	
required, earlier closing times would help with this.	
Support the proposal, will add to the	See main issue 1
vibrancy of the city, well located for public	
transport. Will be good as a place to eat and	
drink and increased facilities.	
Support the proposal to redevelop the site,	See main issue 1
will bring much needed investment to the	
area, increased footfall, will enable the use	
of a derelict site. Proposal will attract tourism, enhance our	See main issue 1
reputation locally and nationally, bring	
economic benefits and jobs.	
Norwich needs to allow such facilities to be	See main issue 1
built to enable the economy to recover, and	
for the city centre to expand. It will increase	
the appeal to young families.	
Comments in objection to the proposal	
(revised plans)	
The area is not suitable for any type of entertainment venue	See main issue 1
Concerns about noise nuisance, litter and	See main issue 4
antisocial behaviour.	
Increased congestion	See main issue 5
Wish to see better long term planning for this	See main issue 1
site which contributes to and enhances the	
local community Even with the changes there are still	See main issue 4
concerns about noise and how people	066 main 15506 4
arriving and leaving the venue will be	
controlled.	
Remain concerned about flow of people from	See main issue 4
Riverside to this venue via East Street at	
Baltic Wharf and impact this will have.	

Issues raised	Response
Comments in support of the proposal (revised plans)	
Consider that residents' concerns about noise and will be dealt with by enclosing the venue. Need to ensure Norwich remains a vibrant city with attractions and employment for all ages.	See main issue 1 and 4
Proposal will bring people to Norwich, offer more jobs and benefit the local area.	See main issue 1

Thorpe Hamlet Ward Councillor Haynes, comments on original plans:

Object to the proposal. Concerns about noise and disturbance, including from people who have been drinking existing the site late at night. Concerns about conflicts with deliveries and movements to Charles Darwin Primary School. The area is predominantly residential, concern about creating a precedent of entertainment venues in this area. Conflict with local plan site allocation policy.

Thorpe Hamlet Ward Councillor Price, comments on original plans:

Object to the proposal. Concerns regarding noise including from fairground rides and auditorium on residents living in close proximity, this is anticipated to be of a extreme level. Query whether the application has been brought before the licencing committee for application of conditions? Potential for crime and anti-social behaviour, including from effects of alcohol on people leaving the venue. Increased light pollution, conflict with local plan site allocation policy. Potential conflict with Charles Darwin Primary School causing traffic issues.

Consultation responses

13. Consultation responses are summarised below the full responses are available to view at http://planning.norwich.gov.uk/online-applications/ by entering the application number.

Environmental protection

- 14. Comments on original plans: Further information sought on the construction of the auditorium, and further information required noise from external activities. Other clarifications sought regarding the submitted noise assessment.
- 15. Final comments on revised plans and noise assessment:

The team was initially consulted about Block Norwich in July 2021. After reviewing the documentation, there were concerns over the potential for noise disturbance owing to the city center location with a high number of residential units adjoining the site. The majority of concerns were due to the incorporation of fair ground rides, a large external drinking area and also the site layout. These concerns were raised through the consultation response and discussions with the applicant.

The Public Protection Team was reconsulted on the application in October 2021. Significant changes had been made through the resubmission and additional mitigation measures have been adopted by the applicant in recent weeks to minimise noise disturbance.

Below are some of the significant measures that have been adopted:

- External entertainment (i.e. fair ground rides) are no longer being proposed
- External drinking is no longer being proposed
- The public will only be able to access the site from Boulton Street (rather than Mountergate which has a lower background noise level and would therefore be more susceptible to noise disturbance).
- Smoking area located to the southeast corner of the auditorium (rather than close to noise sensitive receptors)
- Further [information] regarding the construction of the auditorium
- Introduction of acoustic lobbies in the auditorium to minimise noise spill
- Introduction of a noise limiter (level to be set by the Public Protection Team)
- Site to be vacated by customers by 23:00- this effectively means the site should be quiet during nighttime hours (defined by the World Health Organisation as 23:00-07:00)
- Production of a Noise Management Plan

Conditions recommended to secure the above.

Norfolk County Council - Highways

- 16. In principle no objection with regard to highway and transport matters. Such a use is well suited to a city centre location which is highly accessible on foot to bus and rail services. The proposed business will not be entitled to parking permits and there are extensive waiting restrictions around the site, so there should not be detriment to the locality with regard to parking issues. There are loading bays for taxi drop off/pick up on Rose Lane, although there is some risk of vehicles waiting outside Tudor Hall. To promote sustainable transport choices a Travel Information Plan is recommended.
- 17. I note from objections that this conflicts with the start of the school day at the Charles Darwin School nearby. This is noted, however the recent traffic management changes at the Rose Lane/Mountergate junction have removed traffic signals and traffic is now free flowing and has reduced congestion, I therefore am not concerned about this service traffic.
- 18. Some concerns about the pedestrian access on Boulton Street, due to the change in levels and existing bollards the applicant should consider this further.
- 19. Historic highway exists within the site that we do not have stopping up information for. Accordingly, a Section 257 stopping up order will be required using the Town and Country Planning Act to regularise this. Conditions recommended regarding cycle

parking, construction worker parking, travel information plan and improvement works to the access.

Norfolk police (architectural liaison)

- 20. Comments made on original plans: The proposal has the potential for noise and anti-social behaviour later in the evening and will almost certainly have a resource implication for local policing. Concern about use of adjacent passageway as an access point and lack of toilet facilities. Recommendations made regarding security measures, boundary treatments, cycle parking and lighting. Recommendations also made regarding counter-terrorism measures.
- 21. Comments on revised plans: Previous comments requesting additional information on what access is intended around the communal gardens and adjacent passageway have not been clarified. Hence there is still concern for potential antisocial behaviour late in the evening as the venue approaches closing time with a large number of people under the influence of alcohol spilling out into a predominantly residential area and will almost certainly have a resource implication for local policing.

Counter Terrorism Security Advisor

22. The applicant should produce a Counter Terrorism Response plan to ensure an adequate response to a terrorist attack. The applicant may wish to consider an alarm and tannoy system which can be utilised during a bomb evacuation or marauding terrorist attack (MTA). Best practice would be for different alarm tones to be used for fire evacuation and different counter terrorist scenarios. The applicant should also ensure that there are adequate escape routes in the event of an MTA. The applicant should also consider how to control access between public and staff only entrances.

Tree protection officer

23. No objections from an arboricultural perspective subject to conditions.

Assessment of planning considerations

Relevant development plan policies

- 24. Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk adopted March 2011 amendments adopted Jan. 2014 (JCS)
 - JCS1 Addressing climate change and protecting environmental assets
 - JCS2 Promoting good design
 - JCS3 Energy and water
 - JCS5 The economy
 - JCS6 Access and transportation
 - JCS8 Culture, leisure and entertainment
 - JCS11 Norwich city centre
- 25. Norwich Development Management Policies Local Plan adopted Dec. 2014 (DM Plan)
 - DM1 Achieving and delivering sustainable development
 - DM2 Ensuring satisfactory living and working conditions

- DM3 Delivering high quality design
- DM4 Providing for renewable and low carbon energy
- DM5 Planning effectively for flood resilience
- DM6 Protecting and enhancing the natural environment
- DM7 Trees and development
- DM9 Safeguarding Norwich's heritage
- DM11 Protecting against environmental hazards
- DM16 Supporting the needs of business
- DM17 Supporting small business
- DM18 Promoting and supporting centres
- DM23 Supporting and managing the evening and late night economy
- DM28 Encouraging sustainable travel
- DM30 Access and highway safety
- DM31 Car parking and servicing

26. Norwich Site Allocations Plan and Site Specific Policies Local Plan adopted December 2014 (SA Plan)

• Policy CC4 Land at Rose Lane and Mountergate

Other material considerations

27. Relevant sections of the National Planning Policy Framework July 2021 (NPPF):

- NPPF2 Achieving sustainable development
- NPPF4 Decision-making
- NPPF6 Building a strong, competitive economy
- NPPF7 Ensuring the vitality of town centres
- NPPF8 Promoting healthy and safe communities
- NPPF9 Promoting sustainable transport
- NPPF11 Making effective use of land
- NPPF12 Achieving well-designed places
- NPPF14 Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
- NPPF15 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- NPPF16 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

Case Assessment

28. Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Relevant development plan polices are detailed above. Material considerations include policies in the National Planning Framework (NPPF), the Councils standing duties, other policy documents and guidance detailed above and any other matters referred to specifically in the assessment below. The following paragraphs provide an assessment of the main planning issues in this case against relevant policies and material considerations.

Main issue 1: Principle of development

- 29. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs DM1, DM23, CC4, JCS1, JCS5, JCS11, NPPF sections 2 and 7.
- 30. When considering development proposals for this site, the starting point is the site allocation policy CC4, which allocates the land for a mixed-use development that should be office-led; integrated with residential uses; and including other uses such as food/drink, small scale retail and non-late-night leisure uses (which the policy states should not dominate the development). Other requirements of the policy are that some replacement car parking should be provided as well as public realm and open space enhancements. Development should respect the setting of nearby listed buildings and enhance the townscape.
- 31. The site allocation is being carried forward through policy CC4a of the submission version of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP), with a slight amendment to the wording of the allocation. Under the proposed allocation, the land would be allocated for mixed-use development to include high quality office space, managed workspace and live-work units, and up to 50 homes. However, given the relatively early stage of the GNLP, relatively little weight should be attached to it.
- 32. Whilst the provision of a food and drink/leisure offer is sought through both the existing and the emerging Development Plan policies, the application proposal is of a larger scale than that envisaged within either. It is of a size that would make it difficult to achieve the office-led scheme with substantial residential alongside. In this respect it conflicts with the site allocation policies.
- 33. However, regard should be had to the fact the scheme is being promoted as in interim and temporary use. The whole of the allocation site is in different ownership, but the majority of the land is owned by Norwich City Council. Information submitted as part of the preparation of the GNLP shows that the Council as landowner considers there will be some difficulty in bringing the land ownerships together and as a result it is envisaged that the development of the entire site is not likely to come forward in the short term but could be delivered within the plan period up to 2038. This means that there is an opportunity for an interim use of the site until such time as the main site allocation can be delivered. There are potential benefits to be derived from providing an active use of currently vacant land, both in terms of regeneration objectives, economic benefits and potentially helping to deter crime and anti-social behaviour that might otherwise take place on vacant land.
- 34. Policy 5 of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) states that Tourism, leisure environmental and cultural industries will be promoted. Policy 11 of the JCS states that the role of Norwich city centre will be promoted by "expanding the use of the city centre to all, in particular the early evening economy and extending leisure and hospitality uses across the city centre, with late night activities focussed in identified areas. The site is within the City Centre Leisure area where under policy DM23, hospitality uses which include restaurants and drinking establishments which do not routinely open beyond midnight are acceptable in principle.
- 35. The proposal is in keeping with this requirement and therefore falls within the category of development considered suitable for this location. For the avoidance of doubt, the proposal is not a late night activity (one which is open beyond midnight)

and therefore does not need to be located within the late night activity zone, nor is it necessary to carry out a sequential test regarding the location.

36. On the basis of these considerations, the proposal is considered acceptable in principle, providing it is conditioned to be on a temporary basis, to enable the site allocation requirements to ultimately be delivered when possible.

Main issue 2: Design

- 37. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs JCS2, DM3, NPPF paragraphs 124-132.
- 38. The proposed building would be a large warehouse type structure surrounded by shipping containers. The ridge height is 11.3m, eaves height is 7.8m and the building would be 48m long and 21m wide. It would be somewhat 'industrial' in terms of its appearance and materials, and it is not a form of construction that would normally be deemed acceptable within a Conservation Area. However, regard should be paid to the temporary nature of the building, being one which is designed to be easy to assemble and disassemble in the future.
- 39. The application site is currently a large disused surface car park covered in hardstanding, surrounded by hoardings, mid/late-20th century office buildings (some of which have been converted to residential) and some industrial uses. The development would not be particularly prominent when viewed from key routes nearby such as Rose Lane and Mountergate. This is mainly because of the height of some of the surrounding buildings which are taller, with the Union building being approximately 20m high at it's highest point; Parmenter Gate Court is a five storey building with pitched roof and Rose Lane multi-storey car park has a maximum height of about 15m. The design and visual impact are further considered in the context of the heritage considerations identified within section 3 below.
- 40. The layout is acceptable, with a defined public entrance from Boulton Street, and a separate delivery/service access from Mountergate. Sufficient space is allocated within the site for bin and cycle storage. A condition is recommended to control final material colour and finishes, together with details of any new boundary treatments.

Main issue 3: Heritage

- 41. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs JCS2, DM9, NPPF paragraphs 184-202.
- 42. Sections 66 and 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 place a statutory duty on the local authority to have special regard to the desirability of preserving listed buildings or their setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess and to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas. Case law (specifically *Barnwell Manor Wind Energy Ltd v East Northamptonshire DC* [2014]) has held that this means that considerable importance and weight must be given to the desirability of preserving the setting of listed buildings and conservation areas when carrying out the balancing exercise.
- 43. The site is within the King Street character area of the City Centre Conservation Area. It is identified as a negative feature within the Conservation Area Character Appraisal. The site has 'backland' characteristics being to the rear of surrounding development. It is dominated by concrete hardstanding and surrounded by less positive buildings such as the office buildings on Rose Lane which date from the

mid-20th Century, and the industrial building to the east. These factors mean it is of a relatively low sensitivity to new development compared to other parts of the Conservation Area. Despite this, the proposal would cause some harm to the character of the Conservation Area due to its scale and industrial appearance.

- 44. The development would affect the setting of the nearby Grade II listed Tudor Hall, due to the close proximity of the proposed building. The impact is partly mitigated due to the building being set back from the Tudor Hall, and therefore not having a significant impact on the principal elevation on Rose Lane. However due to its scale, appearance, and close proximity, some harm would be caused to the setting of the listed building.
- 45. The harm identified above is categorised as 'less than substantial' in the context of paragraph 202 of the NPPF. In accordance with the requirements of that paragraph, the harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal. The benefits include opportunities for small businesses to occupy one of approximately 40 new food/drink stalls, the creation of jobs, and providing an active use on a site which is currently vacant. The proposal is of a scale which is likely to encourage people to visit Norwich and may have spin-off benefits for other hospitality business in the area due to increased footfall.
- 46. Overall, on the basis that the development would be for a temporary period and is not intended to be permanent, the benefits of the proposal are considered to outweigh the harm to heritage assets.

Main issue 4: Amenity

- 47. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs DM2, DM11, DM23, NPPF paragraph 130.
- 48. Policy DM2 of the Local Plan sets out that development will be permitted where it would not result in an unacceptable impact on the amenity of the area or the living or working conditions of neighbouring occupants. In addition, policy DM23, which deals with leisure uses, sets out that proposals should not give rise to unacceptable amenity and environmental impacts which could not be overcome by the imposition of conditions.
- 49. The application has resulted in a significant number of objections from residents, with concerns particularly focussing on the potential noise impacts of the proposal together with concerns around crime and anti-social behaviour that may be associated with the proposal.
- 50. On the issue of noise, Council officers had concerns about the original proposal, which contained several outdoor fairground rides, outdoor market stalls and a beer garden. These elements had the potential to cause significant noise nuisance to the surrounding area. As a result, discussions took place with the applicant, and it was agreed that all external activities would be removed from the proposal. In addition, a revised noise impact assessment was requested.
- 51. Following the previous committee meeting, further information has been submitted by the applicant in relation to noise impacts, building construction and management of the venue. In response to member concerns the smoking shelter has been relocated to the opposite side of the venue, where it would be further away from sensitive receptors.

- 52. The management plan sets out how CCTV and staff will be used to minimise incidents of anti-social behaviour, and how extra staff will be deployed at the time the venue closes to ensure people leave safely and as quietly as possible. It also sets out proposals to clean up the site entrance, improve lighting around the venue and to carry out security patrols including of the adjacent footpath. The plan also sets out a proposal to cease any live music/entertainment well in advance of closing time, with bars closing 30 minutes before closing time to encourage people to leave in advance of the main closing time. Also expressed within the management plan is an intension to liaise with the local community on a regular basis to address any concerns which may arise.
- 53. A section drawing of the proposed building has been submitted which illustrates the sound insulation methods that would be employed. These include 'soundblock' plasterboard layers supported on metal stud framing with 200mm thick acoustic and thermally insulating mineral wall insulation within the cavity, sealed at the perimeters to the top of the shipping containers. In addition, there would be internal ceiling and wall drapes to provide acoustic absorption. The shipping containers would be sealed with 'soundblock' drylining and further mineral wool insulation and all gaps would be sealed.
- 54. The Environmental Protection Officer has considered the revised proposal and noise assessment, together with the additional information received since the last committee and has recommended that permission could be granted subject to a robust set of conditions which would control the noise and associated impacts. Conditions requiring details of amplified equipment and to control their noise output are recommended, the installation of mechanical ventilation and an inner lobby for noise attenuation, the installation of a noise limiter, and the submission of a noise management plan are recommended. Conditions preventing the use of audio equipment outside of the building and restricting hours of operation are also recommended.
- 55. Regarding crime and anti-social behaviour, it is noted that Norfolk Police have some concerns about the use of the adjacent alleyway between Boulton Street and St. John's Street, whilst residents make reference to existing problems in the area, and there is a fear the proposal will compound these. Firstly, it is considered that having an active use and occupancy of the site will assist in deterring some of the issues around trespass and anti-social behaviour that currently occur. Furthermore, it is considered that implementation of the management plan will help to minimise incidents of anti-social behaviour from occurring.
- 56. A further measure which is recommended is to control opening hours so that the venue does not operate as a late-night use. In discussion with the applicant, the agreed opening hours proposed are between 12.00 and 22.30 Sunday to Wednesday, and between 12.00 and 23.00 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A condition is recommended to ensure this is adhered to.
- 57. Concerns around impacts from external lighting can be dealt with through conditioning the details of any scheme. It is not anticipated harm would arise through overlooking from the proposal, as there are no windows, and the building would be surrounded by a security fence. It is not anticipated that harm through overshadowing or loss of privacy would occur. The concerns about impacts from people making their way to and from the venue through nearby residential areas are partly mitigated by the earlier closing times proposed.

58. It is considered that the full set of conditions which are recommended will ensure that the impacts of the development will be acceptable. However, should problems arise, there will be an opportunity to review the operation and the effectiveness of noise/disturbance measures after 12 months because a further permission would be required for continued use beyond this time.

Main issue 5: Transport

- 59. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs JCS6, DM28, DM30, DM31, NPPF section 9.
- 60. The site is located within a sustainable location within walking distance of the railway station, bus services and the nearby Rose Lane multi-storey car park. It is also within walking distance of other leisure and hospitality areas of the city which are nearby. The Transport Officer has raised no objections to the proposal, subject to conditions.
- 61. Concerns have been raised that the proposal would cause increased traffic congestion however this is not anticipated to occur, partly because it is considered likely that many customers would arrive on foot, by cycle or public transport. Notwithstanding this, the Transport Officer has pointed out that there are substantial waiting restrictions on the surrounding road network, and there is a loading bay close to the site entrance which could be used for taxi drop off/pick up purposes if required.
- 62. The vehicle access from Mountergate is suitable for deliveries and servicing, which is anticipated to take place between the hours of 07.30-11.00.
- 63. The Highways Authority points to the existence of historic highway rights on the site and has provided mapping showing where these are. From this mapping, the highway rights do not relate to any routes that cross the site and the land that they relate to could not have been used for highway purposes for some considerable time because of the car park that used to occupy the site. Given the historic nature of these rights and the intervening use as a multi-storey car park plus the temporary nature of the permission that is being sought, there is no need to require them to be removed to facilitate the development.

Main issue 6: Energy and water efficiency

- 64. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs –DM1, JCS3, NPPF sections 2 and 14.
- 65. The application states that they intend to use enhanced sustainability measures. This includes specifying materials that can be reused when they are no longer required. They have also stated an intention to use technologies such as heat recovery, low velocity ductwork, LED lighting, and the use of air source heat pumps.

Main issue 7: Flood risk

- 66. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs JCS1, DM5, NPPF section 14.
- 67. The area where the building is proposed is within Flood Zone 1 and therefore is at the lowest level of flood risk. The proposal would not lead to an increase in impermeable surfacing on the site. It is therefore not anticipated that harm would occur in relation to flood risk.

Main issue 8: Trees

- 68. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs JCS1, DM7, NPPF section 15.
- 69. All existing trees on site would be retained, and the Councils Tree Protection Officer raises no objection to the proposal.

Main issue 9: Biodiversity

- 70. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs JCS1, DM6, NPPF section 15.
- 71. The site is predominantly hard surfaced and of relatively low ecological value. There are however several mature trees within the site. It is the intention to protect and retain these as part of the development. The applicant has also expressed an intention to assist where possible with any projects to bring the adjacent community garden back into use. Given the temporary nature of the proposal and the likelihood of a further redevelopment in the future, it is not considered necessary to seek further ecological measures.

Main issue 10: Archaeology

72. The site is within an area of main archaeological interest; however, the proposal is for a modular building built on top of the existing site without the need for excavation, therefore no archaeological investigation or works are required.

Other matters

73. The advice of the Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (CTSA) has been provided. The Rose Lane/Boulton Street entrance is seen as preferable to the Mountergate one due to it being less vulnerable to vehicle attacks, as a sharp turn would be necessary. Nonetheless, the CTSA has advised that vehicle security barriers may be necessary at the Rose Lane entrance. A condition is recommended to establish what provision is required and ensure it is provided.

Equalities and diversity issues

74. There are no equality or diversity issues.

S106 Obligations

75. There are no S106 obligations.

Local finance considerations

76. Under Section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the council is required when determining planning applications to have regard to any local finance considerations, so far as material to the application. Local finance considerations are defined as a government grant or the Community Infrastructure Levy. Whether or not a local finance consideration is material to a particular decision will depend on whether it could help to make the development acceptable in planning terms. It would not be appropriate to make a decision on the potential for the development to raise money for a local authority. In this case local finance considerations are not considered to be material to the case.

Conclusion

- 77. The proposal for a large scale eating and drinking venue accommodating up to 300 people would provide benefits to the local economy and contribute to the vibrancy and vitality of the hospitality offer within the city centre. It would also be of assistance in providing an interim use on an area of vacant land, prior to the long-term permanent redevelopment of the site in accordance with local plan policy CC4. This could play a role in discouraging anti-social behaviour from the area in the meantime. The site is within the city centre leisure area and therefore the principle of the location is acceptable.
- 78. Some temporary harm would be caused to designated heritage assets, including the Conservation Area and Grade II listed Tudor Hall due to the design and appearance of the proposed building. However, regard is had to the current negative appearance of the site, the fact it would be generally well screened by taller buildings from many views and also the temporary nature of the proposal. Given these considerations, it is considered that the benefits of the proposal would outweigh the less than substantial harm in this instance.
- 79. It is recognised that the development has the potential to cause amenity impacts from noise caused by comings and goings and also from the venue itself. This has resulted in significant amendment to the application with the removal of all external activities. In addition, concerns have been raised about impacts from people leaving the venue after consuming alcohol. To deal with this, a number of conditions are recommended to strictly control noise and keep it within acceptable limits, as well as ensuring the venue is managed carefully to minimise impacts from people arriving and leaving. A management plan has been prepared which sets out various measures to increase safety and security for arriving at and leaving the venue and minimise impacts on the surrounding neighbourhood. Furthermore, planning permission would be required for continued operation beyond the first 12 months and there would be an opportunity to review the impacts of the proposal at this time.
- 80. On this basis, the application is recommended for approval, subject to conditions including that permission expires after 1 year from the date of first operation and all related buildings and structures are removed from the site within 2 months of the expiry date. Whilst the application was for 9 months, a 1 year period of time is considered appropriate in terms of further review and a reasonable time frame for the consent.
- 81. Although it is not the Council's normal practice, the conditions are listed below in full due to their technical nature and particular importance in the consideration of this application.

Recommendation

To approve application 21/00821/F Surface car park, Rose Lane and grant temporary planning permission subject to the following conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 1 year from the date of this permission.

(Reason - As required to be imposed by section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory

Purchase Act 2004. A shorter period of one year is imposed due to the site being allocated for mixed use development within the Local Plan and because the application proposal is for a short-term interim use.)

 Following 1 year of the first use of the development hereby permitted as a leisure/entertainment venue this permission shall expire and the use shall cease. All buildings and structures associated with the use shall be removed from the site within 2 months of the use ceasing.

(Reason -The site is allocated for mixed use development within the Norwich Local Plan (and emerging Greater Norwich Local Plan) and therefore a temporary permission is appropriate so as not to impede the long term delivery of the site allocation. A temporary permission will also provide the opportunity to review the impacts of the proposal once the development is operational. In accordance with policy CC4 of the Norwich Local Plan Site Allocations document (2014).)

3. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the application forms, plans, drawings and details as specified below:

(Plans list to be added prior to determination)

(Reason - For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure the satisfactory development of the site in accordance with the specified approved plans.)

4. With the exception of any demolition, site clearance works, archaeological work, tree protection works, ground investigations and below ground works, no development shall take place in pursuance of this permission until details of the boundary treatments to be used within the development (to include the boundary treatments' location, height, materials and colour) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. No use of the development hereby approved shall take place until the approved boundary treatments been erected and, following completion, the boundary treatment shall be retained as such thereafter.

(Reason - To ensure a satisfactory appearance for the development and to safeguard residential amenities, in accordance with section 12 of the NPPF, policy 2 of the adopted Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk 2011 as amended 2014, and policies DM2 and DM3 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

5. The premises which form the subject of this permission shall not be open to the public, trading, or have members of the public, as customers or guests, on the premises other than between the hours of 12.00 and 22.30 on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and between the hours of 12.00 and 23.00 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

(Reason - To safeguard the amenity of the surrounding area, in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

6. No leisure/entertainment activities shall take place outside of the building hereby permitted.

(Reason -To safeguard the amenity of the surrounding area, in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

7. The venue shall be managed in accordance with the management statement dated 22 November 2021.

(Reason - To encourage staggered departure times and to safeguard the amenity of the surrounding area, in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

8. No use of any plant and/or machinery shall take place on the premises unless and until it has been enclosed with sound insulating/absorbing material and mounted in such a way which will minimise transmission of structure borne sound and will ensure that noise levels emanating from the application premises shall not exceed 45dB at 63Hz C.B.F., 40dB at 125Hz C.B.F. and NR30 over the frequency range from 250Hz to 8KHz as measured at a position 1 metre outside any noise sensitive premises and shall not exceed 37 dB AT 63Hz C.B.F., 30dB at 125Hz C.B.F and NR20 over the frequency range from 250Hz to 8KHz as measured inside any adjoining noise sensitive premises, in accordance with a scheme to be first approved in writing by the local planning authority and once enclosed, it shall be retained as such thereafter.

(Reason - To ensure adequate protection between different uses takes place to avoid unacceptable noise and disturbance in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

9. No loudspeaker, amplifier, relay or other audio equipment shall be installed or used outside the building the subject of this permission.

(Reason - To ensure adequate protection between different uses takes place to avoid unacceptable noise and disturbance in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

10. No installation of any amplified sound equipment shall take place within the application premises until details of the amplification equipment have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

The amplification system shall be designed to limit the level of noise emanating from the premises, such that the noise levels from the application premises shall not exceed 45dB at 63Hz C.B.F., 40dB at 125Hz C.B.F. and NR30 over the frequency range from 250Hz to 8KHz as measured at a position 1 metre outside any noise sensitive premises and shall not exceed 37 dB AT 63Hz C.B.F., 30dB at 125Hz C.B.F and NR20 over the frequency range from 250Hz to 8KHz as measured inside any adjoining noise sensitive premises. Where further internal sound proofing is required to meet these levels, full details of the proposed sound proofing shall be submitted with the amplification equipment details and shall include details of its specification, location and fixing.

The submitted details shall include:

(a) specification for all amplification equipment and speakers;

(b) the location of all proposed speakers;

(c) the maximum noise levels expressed in dB LAeq (5 mins), measured at a point 2 metres from any loudspeaker forming part of the amplification system; and

(d) measures to be put in place to ensure that the amplification system cannot be adjusted beyond the maximum permitted noise levels agreed in (c) above.

No use of the premises as a leisure/entertainment venue shall take place until the amplification system and any sound proofing measures as agreed have been installed and thereafter the agreed permitted maximum noise levels shall not be exceeded at any time.

No amplified music shall be played in the premises the subject of this permission other than through the permanently installed amplification system as agreed under this condition and no alteration of this system shall take place without the prior written agreement of the local planning authority.

(Reason - To ensure adequate protection between different uses takes place to avoid unacceptable noise and disturbance in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

11. No use of the premises as a leisure/entertainment venue shall take place until a mechanical ventilation system has been installed in full accordance with a scheme to be first submitted to and agreed in writing with the local planning authority and, once installed, shall be retained as such thereafter. The scheme shall include details of all proposed attenuation measures to the extract system and details of the inlet and extract ducts including their location and elevations of any external grills or flues in the context of the wider building to a scale of at least 1:100.

(Reason - To ensure adequate protection between different uses takes place to avoid unacceptable noise and odour nuisance in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

12. No use of the premises as a leisure/entertainment venue shall take place until the new inner door lobbies, as shown on the approved plans and fitted with automatic closers, have been provided and, once provided, this shall be retained thereafter. The automatic closers for the lobby door shall be operational whenever the premises are open to the public, trading, or has members of the public, as customers or guests, on the premises and the lobby door shall not be left open at any time except for servicing when the building is not open to the public, trading, or has members of the public, as customers or guests, on the premises or in the case of an emergency.

(Reason - In order to prevent undue noise nuisance to nearby occupiers in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

13. The doors indicated as fire exits on the approved plans shall only be used in an emergency as fire exits or for servicing when the premises are not open to the public, trading, or has members of the public, as customers or guests, on the premises. The doors shall not be used for any other purpose.

(Reason - In order to prevent undue noise nuisance to nearby occupiers in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

14. Prior to the first use of the development as a leisure/entertainment venue, details of the installation of a noise limiter device shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for its approval in writing. The noise limiter device shall be installed and operated in accordance with the approved details for the duration of the development.

(Reason - In order to prevent undue noise nuisance to nearby occupiers in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

15. No extract ventilation or fume extraction system shall be installed or erected on the site unless in accordance with a detailed scheme that has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The detailed scheme shall include the position of ventilation, fume or flue outlet points and the type of filtration or other fume treatment to be installed and used in the premises in pursuance of this permission, together with a schedule of maintenance. The submitted details shall also specify the use of anti-vibration mountings. No use of the premises as hereby permitted shall take place until the approved scheme has been installed and is operational and thereafter it shall be retained in full accordance with the approved details and the maintenance of the system, including any flue, shall be carried out in accordance with the scheme as agreed.

(Reason - To protect the amenities of the area and prevent nuisance from noise and odour in accordance with policy DM2 and DM11 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

16. No use of the development hereby approved shall take place until details have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority of all external lighting for the site, including any security or other intermittent lighting. Such details shall include specifications for the lighting proposed, its location and position within the site, height and levels of illumination proposed. The details shall also specify that any external lighting includes cowling, or other similar device, to ensure that the lighting only illuminates the site directly. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details as agreed and retained as such thereafter.

(Reason - To ensure that the development minimises light pollution and the potential impact on biodiversity in accordance with sections 12 and 15 of the NPPF, and policies DM2, DM3 and DM6 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

17. No occupation of the development shall take place until details of bicycle parking have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The approved details shall thereafter be installed prior to first occupation of the development and shall be retained and maintained in this condition thereafter for the duration of the development.

(Reason - To ensure satisfactory cycle parking to support sustainable modes of transport, reduce congestion and safeguard air quality, in accordance with policy 6 of the adopted Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk (adopted March 2011, November 2021 Page 34 of 65 amendments adopted January 2014) and policy DM28, DM29, DM30 and DM31 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

18. No use of the premises as a leisure/entertainment venue shall take place until:

(a) a Travel Information Plan has been prepared and submitted to and agreed in writing with the local planning authority. The Travel Information Plan shall:

(i) make provision for travel information to be publicised to staff and visitors to the site; and

(ii) specify the different methods to be used for publicity and the frequency of review;

(b) the travel information has been made available in accordance with the Plan as agreed and, once made available, shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with the agreed review details.

This information shall include details of the public transport routes and services available within 800 metres walking distance of the site, cycle parking provision and facilities for cyclists on site and any other measures which would support and encourage access to the site by means other than the private car.

(Reason - To ensure that the development supports sustainable modes of transport and to reduce the impact of travel and transport on the environment in accordance with policy 6 of the adopted Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk (adopted March 2011, amendments adopted January 2014) and policy DM28 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

19. No works shall take place within the root protection areas of any tree including any demolition works or the breaking and lifting of existing ground surfaces, unless carried out under the supervision of a suitably qualified arborist.

(Reason - To ensure the satisfactory protection of those trees to be retained on the site and to accord with policy 1 of the adopted Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk (adopted March 2011, amendments adopted January 2014) and policy DM7 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.) 20. No arboricultural works shall take place to facilitate implementation of the development hereby permitted unless these works are carried out by a suitably qualified arborist in both above and below ground arboriculture and the details of the proposed arboriculturist have first been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

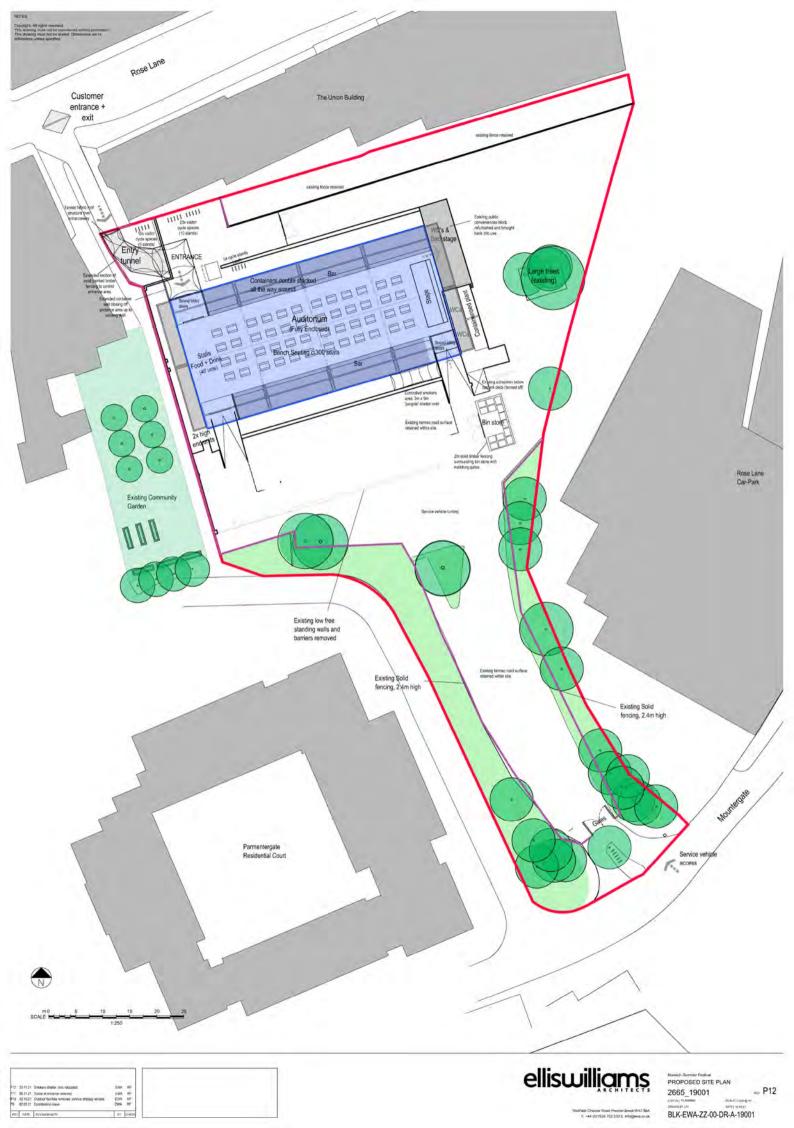
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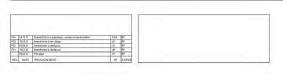
21. Operations on site shall take place in complete accordance with the approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA), Tree Protection Plan (TPP) and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS). No other operations shall commence on site in connection with the hereby-approved development until the tree protection works and any pre-emptive tree works required by the approved AIA or AMS have been carried out and all tree protection barriers are in place as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan. The approved protective fencing shall be retained in a good and effective condition for the duration of the development and shall not be moved or removed, temporarily or otherwise, until all site works have been completed and all equipment, machinery and surplus materials removed from the site, unless the prior written approval of the local planning authority has first been sought and obtained.

(Reason - To ensure the satisfactory protection of those trees to be retained on the site and to accord with policy 1 of the adopted Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk (adopted March 2011, amendments adopted January 2014) and policy DM7 of the Development Management Policies Local Plan 2014.)

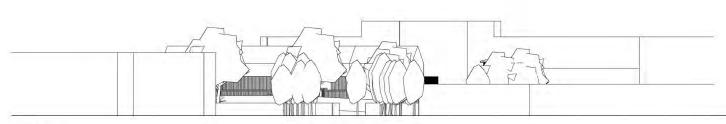
22. Prior to the first use of the development as a leisure/entertainment venue details of any anti-terrorist measures shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for its approval in writing. The measures shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and shall be retained for the duration of the development.

(Reason - In the interests of public safety, in accordance with paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).)

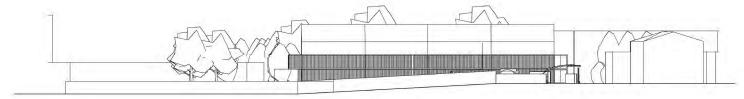




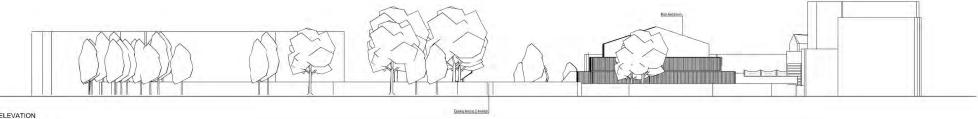
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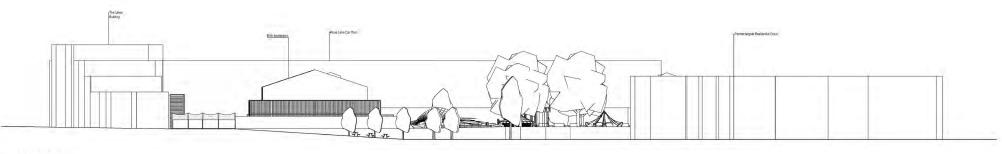




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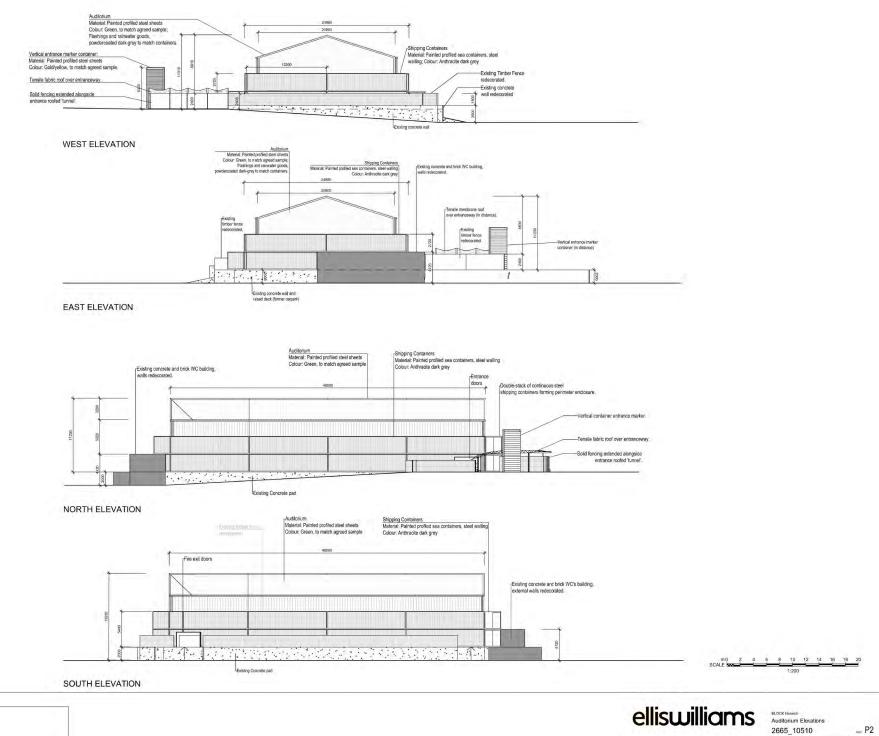




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