



Reg. charity no: 1133610

Tobias Finlayson
Principal Planning Officer
Planning, Regeneration and Development
Haringey Council
225 High Road
London N22 8HQ

Hornsey Town Hall Trust
14 Denton Road
London N8 9NS

26 October 2021

BY EMAIL

Dear Tobias

HORNSEY TOWN HALL SQUARE

I am writing on behalf of Hornsey Town Hall Trust, the independent buildings preservation trust that worked in partnership with Haringey Council to secure the restoration and regeneration of Hornsey Town Hall.

We are concerned to see that the recently-started paving of the Town Hall Square appears to be in granite and not the consented York stone, as detailed in the relevant planning documents. We have searched the planning portal for any recent amendments to planning conditions and have not been able to find anything. We are particularly concerned that it appears, as far as we can ascertain, that this paving is being laid without any permission to change the materials used.

The latest version (HGY/2021/1332; PX352, Rev 5, dated 26 May 2020) of the whole-site hard landscaping plan shows York stone slabs on the entirety of the paved area of the Town Hall Square, and in some areas to the rear of the Town Hall (Exts: 101, 105, 106, 109 and

110). Other than that, there appears to be an application (status: pending) to use granite around the Mews (HGY/2021/0921; dated 25 March 2021) with York stone slab still specified on the Town Hall Square.

We believe that the use of granite on the Town Hall Square is entirely inappropriate given the architectural status and aesthetics of the listed building.

We would like to know:

- Has the required planning permission to change the materials used on the Town Hall Square been sought or granted. If not, why not?
- Will the paving be halted and replaced with the consented materials?
- Similarly, can you reassure us that there will be no further changes to the rest of the hard landscaping the site where York stone is specified?
- Has Historic England been consulted about this change of materials and, if so, what were their comments?
- We were told at the recent Construction Steering Group (CSG) meeting that there was now a dip in the wall by the Remembrance Tree behind the bus stop due to its roots. This is clearly a trip hazard, it doesn't appear on any drawings, and it is also a concern from a DDA/access perspective.

I am attaching the relevant plans of the hard landscaping from HGY/2020/1332 and HGY/2021/0921, and some photographs taken this week of the Town Hall Square.

PUBLIC HIGHWAY

One of the questions that came up at the most recent Construction Steering Group was the condition of the path, benches, bus stop and telephone boxes, and whether any discussions

have taken place within the Council on improvements. Unfortunately, there were no council representatives at the meeting to answer these questions.

Once the restoration of the Square and Town Hall is completed, there is a real worry that the scheme, which should be a regeneration showcase for Haringey, will be let down by the poor condition of the area abutting onto the Square.

Could you let us know if there are any discussions or plans to improve this part of the public highway?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Liz Sich

Chair, Hornsey Town Hall Trust

www.hornsey-town-hall.org.uk

cc Cllrs Cawley-Harrison, Tammy Palmer, Dawn Barnes; Rob Krzyszowski, Haringey Council; Robbie McNaugher, Haringey Council; Cllr John Bevan; Scott Lau and Nick Poon, FEC; Beth Park, SEC Newgate; Mark Afford, Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum

Attached: HGY/2020/1332/PX352, Rev 5; HGY/2021/0921/PX352, Rev 3;

4 photographs of the Town Hall Square taken w/b 25 October 2021