



Planning Applications
The Town Hall
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Dear Sam

**Planning Application 2023/2759,
Dial House 2 Burston Road SW15**

The Putney Society tend to agree with the applicants that the building as seen is rather 'dour'. As such we do not object to the current proposals and welcome that this building is to remain in office use in line with Wandsworth's policy for Putney town centre.

We do however have some concerns:

- Clearly there's a lot of embodied carbon going to waste both in the bricks to be removed and new materials all round, all for no extra space. Has this been justified? The Energy Statement looks at lots of options, but doesn't actually say what is proposed. What looks like solar shading will mostly fail to stop direct sunlight or overheating at the back.
- The most visible things on this site are the six plane trees along the back of the URR pavement. The applicants say they will keep these, but they *don't appear on drawings*, where it could be seen that the new entrance and lift shaft will be within the canopy and root zone of three of these. Clear steps need to be set out to avoid damage to this important group of trees. Attaching a manual is good, but it's not site specific.
- The drawings show only steps to the main entrance, with step free access apparently via a side door and lift. This is discriminatory, unlike the current entrance where there are both steps and a ramp. Why not a ramp? There's plenty of forecourt.
- There's a major opportunity here for planting / urban greening across most of the now bleak paved forecourt, but the site plan shows nothing.
- The lift / stair tower presents a blank wall as wide as many houses to the street. Even small windows on the stair landings might help.

Yours Sincerely

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