

### 1.6 SITE ANALYSIS

The site is situated very clese to the town centre the New River and large local parks including Enfield Town Park and the Library Gardens which are both under 100 m and a 2 minute walk away. Two local train stations lie within very close proximity and Cecil Road forms part of a main arterial route for buses and therefore there are many public transport options within easy walking distance of the site.


Site context and sun path

## 17 SITE TOPOGRAPHY

The site is just over 10 m wide at the southern highway boundary. The eastern and western boundaries are almos parallel to each other but are of slightly differing lengths and these are approximately 28 and 29 m respectively

There is one vehicular access point which is to the south east corner with an existing dropped kerb. The front o the house is largely hard landscaped and there are two mature trees which sit on the southern boundary within the curtilage of the site. The area at the rear of the site is laid to lawn with hedging to the eastern, western and northern boundaries. The site slopes towards the north and there is approximately a 1 m gradient from the southern boundary edge to the northern boundary edge.


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### 2.1 FLOOD RISK

Flood risk maps available from the Environment Agency indicate that the site is at a medium risk from surface water flooding and very low risk from river flooding.


Extent of flooding from rivers or the sea

- High - Medium Low Verylow


Extent of flooding from surface water
High Medium Low $\bigcirc$ veryLow $\oplus$ Location you selected

### 2.2 SITE CONSTRAINTS

Proximity to buildings - the buildings on Cecil Road are fairly close to the site boundaries with no. 24 being particularly close

- Overlooking - the site is overlooked from the Telephone Exchange building which has windows on each storey on the flank wall adjacent to the site. Evidence suggests that the building is used more as a storage facility rather than an active commercial unit and therefore any overlooking or privacy concerns are reduced considerably. There is no overlooking from the multi storey car park and any view over the site is oblique in nature.
Massing - the surrounding context is mainly low to medium rise. The telephone exchange is 13.8 m in height, whilst the multi-storey car park to the rear is 13.9 m to a maximum of 17.8 m in height. The other surrounding buildings are predominantly residential with the houses opposite largely 2 storey in height with accommodation in the roof, they range between 9 m and 11.5 m in height. Nearby Bole Court, a more recent development consisting of 3 and 4 storeys elements is built to a height of 12 m .


Site boundary proximity to adjacent buildings


## PTAL output for Base Year

 Easting: 532523, Northing: 196466
## Map key - PTAL

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PTAL map from TfL website


### 2.5 PLANNING HISTORY

HISTORICAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON OR NEAR 26 CECIL ROAD

| Decision date | Address | Planning reference | Description | Decision |
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| 16/09/15 | 86,88A Church Street and 1A Cecil Road, EN2 6TH | 15/04287/FUL | Demolition of existing garage and office and the erection of a 3 storey building to provide $6 \times 2$ bed self contained flats with associated landscaping and amenity. | Withdrawn by Applicant |
| 19/05/2015 | 86,88A Church Street and 1A Cecil Road, EN2 6TH | 15/O2071/FUL | Erection of 2 storey building comprising $6 \times 2$ bed self contained flats and retention of office and demolition of existing building | Withdrawn by Applicant |
| 27/11/2013 | Cecil Court, London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DE | P13-03550PRJ | Change of use of office building (B1c) to provide 42 residential units (C3) | Decided, Prior approval not required. |
| 01/11/2013 | Former council car park, 79 Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TJ | P13-03212PLA | Redevelopment of site to provide a part 3 storey, part 4 storey block of 46 self contained flats (comprising $12 \times 1$ bed, $26 \times 2$ bed and $8 \times 3$ bed). | Permit |
| 17/02/2010 | 26 Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG | TP/10/0204 | Change of use from residential to Ophthalmic Clinic (D1) | Permit (implemented) |
| 11/01/2008 | 26 Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG | TP/08/0071 | Part single, part 2 storey extension | Permit |
| 16/02/2007 | 26 Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG | TP/06/2355 | Change of use from residential to offices (B1) | Permit |
| 25/06/2004 | 33 Cecil Road, Enfield ,EN2 6TJ | TP/04/1341 | Conversion of single family dwelling house into two self contained flats ( $1 \times 2$ bed and $1 \times 3$ bed) with associated works | Permit |
| 06/09/2000 | 26 Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG | TP/00/1420 | Part single storey, part 2 storey side and rear extension with pitched roof over and loft conversion with rear dormer windows | Refuse <br> (Granted at appeal) |
| 15/04/1992 | 26 Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG | TP/93/0009 | Demolition of part of front garden wall | Refuse |
| 27/04/1990 | 26 Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG | CAC/90/0007 | Demolition of (i) conservatory/store at rear (ii) bow window at side (iii) part of front boundary wall in connection with change of use. | Withdrawn by Applicant |
| 12/04/1990 | 26 Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG | TP/90/0563 | Change of use from residential to offices (B1) involving alterations to elevational appearance and other works including parking facilities, vehicular access and new front entrance gates. | Withdrawn by Applicant |

### 3.1 DESIGN APPROACH

This design proposal took its starting point from the constraints imposed by the existing surrounding building and the site. The key design principles which were taken into consideration from the outset were as follows;

- To avoid overlooking adjacent sites, window arrangements avoid the western and eastern boundaries, and where appropriate face into the site
- The proposal has followed the context in terms of building height, we have ensured the height falls well below the adjacent telephone exchange and the multi storey car park to the rear. The proposed building is 12 m in height, some 1.9 m lower than the parking level of cars to the rear and 0.5 m below the adjacent telephone exchange building; the ground level of the telephone exchange sits approximately $0.4-0.6 \mathrm{~m}$ lower than the proposed sites ground level.

The proposal is design led and takes into account the immediate surrounding context in terms of scale, bulk, mass and form.

26 Cecil road provides a strong opportunity to improve the character of the area given the sites location to the historic and civic part of the borough, improve the character of the conservation area and it is considered that development here will only help to further strengthen the streetscape.

The design allows for dual aspect layouts which is preferable from a design, quality, policy and end user perspective. An apartment block is more in keeping with the character of the area as the existing dwelling and the commercial property at no. 24 are somewhat of an anomaly on the north side of Cecil Road. The plot is surrounded by 13.8 m to 17.8 m height buildings with the telephone exchange and the multi storey car park espectively. Therefore the scale, bulk and mass of four storeys with a modest 12 m height is more in keeping with the streetscape and the character of the area.

The scheme allows for a 3 bedroom family unit on ground floor and in line with DMD 3, complies with the policy that a design approach must be taken to maximise the provision of family units where and if possible.

The open space to the rear of the plot has been allocated to the ground floor units as private garden space appropriate to support the larger family unit. Units above ground floor have private balconies as amenity space. Enfield Town Park and the communal gardens to the rear of the Town Library are both under 100m and within a two minute walk, providing residents with further amenity space.


## UNIT SCHEDULES

LB Enfield's Draft Plan 2036 promotes small scale infill and extension developments to ensure more efficient use of land. It also refers to ensuring that higher density development are realised in appropriate places in the borough. The current London Plan removes 'Table 3.2 Sustainable residential quality (SRQ) density matrix (habitable rooms and dwellings per hectare)' in favour of a design led approach to develop sites to the appropriate density.

The apartment block will include wheelchair accessible housing units of easily adaptable wheelchair units in line with Local and the London Plan requirement and a mix of unit types including one, two and three bedroom units. All units in these options had access to private external space, either as a small garden or a balcony.

The adjacent buildings are 13.8 m to 17.8 m in height, a 3 storey development with a set back fourth storey seems the most appropriate design form for this site. The flank wall at no. 24 has no windows and therefore there is no rights to light issues and as that property is a commercial unit, there is no overshadowing issues to the rear external space in taking this option forward.

London Plan Parking for Residential development (Table 6.2) suggests that an urban site with a PTAL rating of 5 to 6 should provide up to one space per unit as a maximum standard. Considering the size of the site for both options there is insufficient space to provide 1 parking bay per unit. Due to the close proximity to the town centre, as well as close links to public transport, there is a very strong case to provide a car parking free development in line with DMD 45. An accessible visitor parking space would be provided at the front of the development. Cycle parking space would be provided in both apartment schemes and the site is well connected to public transport hubs.

## Unit distribution schematic

|  | No. | Hr. | Unit $\%$ |  | ha | Hr/ha | Hr/Unit |
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### 4.1 CONCEPT

26 Cecil Road in it's current form does not offer significant architectural merit, has limited presence in the overall streetscape of Cecil Road and does little to enhance the character of the conservation area it sits within

It is therefore considered that the site would be put to better use if the existing building were to be demolished and replaced with a new development, to meet the current lifestyles and needs of users whilst also delivering much needed housing to the local area

Following a creative and design led process we refined our final design and arrived at the proposed scheme. he concept for the scheme is to draw upon and take inspiration from the existing rhythm and materiality of the streetscape as well as the architectural variety present on Cecil Road and the local area, to enhance and create a positive contribution to the area through careful and considered design

### 4.2 AMOUNT \& USE

The proposed development will provide 8 new dwellings that will provide well considered layouts for families couples or individuals and suit the needs of today's society's lifestyle. The proposal consists of $1 \times 3$ bedroom, 4 $\times 2$ bedroom and $2 \times 1$ bedroom dwellings. The distribution of these are shown on the accommodation schedule below:


Unit distribution schematic


| Overall Dwelling Percentage Mix |  |
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| 1Bedroom Dwelling | $37.5 \%$ |
| 2Bedroom Dwellings | $50.0 \%$ |
| 3 Bedroom Dwellings | $12.5 \%$ |

n line with DMD 1, as the development is under 10 dwellings, the scheme will not need to deliver affordable housing. As per DMD 3 our proposed scheme will be delivering 1 family unit as part of a good tenure mix which equates to a $12.5 \%$ (dwelling mix percentage) of overall provision. This family unit consist of two large double bedrooms with access to a private garden to the rear and a single bedroom. All units provide good accommodation, with a large open plan kitchen living and dining area, bathrooms and additional en-suite in the family unit, a study area to meet the everchanging needs for more flexible working arrangements and a generous storage space. All units and rooms meet or exceed the London Plan Standards and the Nationally Prescribed Standards and are wheelchair adaptable as per AD M4(2).


The overall design of the proposal is defined by its clean edges, rectangular bays, full height windows and se back mansard roof. Rhythm and movement are introduced to the frontage by splitting the building into two bays, while the mansard roof, brick detailing and full height windows relate to the telephone exchange building The design features two prominent blocks which are in keeping with the architectural rhythm created by both the telephone exchange building and Enfield Town Library. The two volumes are stepped and the rationale for the step in the overall form is to align the new development with the adjacent properties and bridge the existing building line whilst breaking up the mass of the block to create a more interesting rhythm.

To create more visual interest and allow for a good mix of different sized homes the form and layout is asymmetrical further enhanced by designing a surrounding frame on one bay whilst the other is flatter with flush window details.

The large family unit is located on the ground floor and each ground floor unit has a direct private entrance and private rear garden whilst providing private terrace spaces to the front, which not only provide an additional amenity area but also defensible space from the communal area.

The rear elevation is staggered at ground floor and steps back at first floor level to become flush. Balconies are provided to the rear for each upper floor unit except on the fourth floor where they are provided to the front.

Full height floor to ceiling windows have been used on the front façade to create a sense of verticality. As noted in Policy 7.4, Local Character of the London Plan, the design elements of the development draw upon form scale and proportion of the local area and the windows in particular draw upon the large window proportions inherently found in early 20th century buildings, without being pastiche.

The proposed four storey building is the most appropriate within the context in terms of scale and mass, forming a natural continuation of the surrounding streetscape. The development has been conceived to respond to existing building lines, heights and proportions of nearby properties and from a visual standpoint, the scheme has been designed to sit as harmoniously as possible within the streetscape.

We believe that a modern proposal that respects its context is an appropriate approach to a site that sits within such a varied street-scene. The buildings that flank the proposal on Cecil Road are varied in that the Telephone exchange to the east is neo-georgian in style with some grand proportions, ornamented by brick quoining detail the corners. In contrast to this, immediately to the west lies 24 Cecil Road with an applied 'timber-framing' in a style typical of the 1930s suburbia, although somewhat out-of-place here. To the north is the overbearing ed brick Palace Gardens Shopping Centre and car park which are categorised as having a "negative" impact on the area and are architecturally unexceptional. With three different typologies within close proximity to the boundary of the site a flexible approach to form and materials is required for any new buildings to fit well into the context


Front elevation


Each flat comes with its own private amenity space (refer to accommodations schedule for areas). The front gardens for Units 00-01 and 00-02 are south facing and provide a space to enjoy the sun with a masonry planter surround allowing privacy and defensible space for the ground floor properties. No additional communa amenity space has been provided due to the close proximity of large public open spaces, namely the Enfield Town Park and Library Gardens which are both under 100 m and within a two minute walk. It is therefore envisioned that the ground floor residents would have access to the rear for their own private amenity space whilst also benefitting from the large green spaces the local area offers

A communal bin store has been located at the front of the building; it is intended that the bin store will be secured timber built structure with double doors to allow ease of access for residents and refuse workers alike. Eight cycle stands have been provided in a secure store. It is envisioned that the entrance into the development would be through key fob entry therefore providing a secured area with access to residents only. It is also envisioned that the development will be a car parking free development to help mitigate any risk of creating increased traffic flow however an accessible visitor space has been provided to the front of the development.

In order to create a new residential scheme in which people want to live, it is essential that the quality of the public realm is of a high standard, as well as sustainable. Both interior and exterior areas will take advantage of good levels of natural lighting, high quality materials and planting

### 4.5 MATERIALS

Some of the housing types in the immediate area are more successful than others in contributing a sense of character and quality to the area. It is our intention to use high quality materials for the development and create visually pleasing and contemporary aesthetic which is of its time. It is important to stay sympathetic to the character of the surrounding area; we are therefore proposing to use a textured red brick; to reflect the palett of the existing and surrounding buildings in the area. A textured or weathered buff red brick has been chosen o give warmth and texture to the elevations. Brick is one of the most enduring of facing materials and weather naturally over time.

As this proposal sits amongst typologies constructed in brick, it will fit well within the context. It is also felt that brickwork will contribute to the character of the development itself and help to evoke a feeling of permanence and cohesion within a context that showcases many architectural movements.

## PROPOSED MATERIAL PALETTE

High quality red brick elevations
Projecting red brick detailing courses to the ground floor as well as between windows for decorative purposes Anthracite framed windows and doors
Anthracite roof to mansard
Zinc panels and canopy to front entrances
The following pages show precedent example images within the existing area and the aspiration for the proposed development


## PRECEDENT | EXISTING MATERIALS

The Enfield Town Conservation area can be defined as being a largely commercial area with residential development on the fringes of the boundary. Most of the surviving buildings in the town centre date from the later 19th and Red brick buildings, materials within the local surrounding area.


The materials palette proposed is simple and reflects the local environment; red brick with ornamental and decorative details, with special bricks, tiles and architectural banding details to provide textural, visual and colour are common of the area and create a development that is in keeping of the architectural style of the 21st Century. Hard landscape materials will reflect the contemporary nature of the development.


### 4.6 ACCESSIBILITY

The proposed scheme will provide level thresholds at the main entrance, all front and rear doors as well as any doors which lead out onto a balcony. Entrance into the development will be through the existing pedestrian gate which will be upgraded to provide secure entry.

All units are wheelchair adaptable in accordance with DMD 8 and London Plan policy. The proposal will offer one accessible visitor parking space accessed through a secure private gate.

The site has a PTAL rating of 5, indicating good public transport accessibility with good public transport links in the form of bus routes and train routes. Within 200m of the property currently is a London Transport bus stop for routes 191, 629 and W9.

In addition to this, 7 mins walking distance of the site are two rail stations Enfield Chase Station and Enfield London Overground Station serving commuter routes to Moorgate via Highbury \& Islington and Stevenage to the north and Liverpool Street respectively.

### 4.7 CONCLUSION

This Design \& Access Statement was prepared along with the drawings and other reports to demonstrate how the proposal for 26 Cecil Road accord with the requirements of the Local Authority, their policies and why the development should be supported.
n conclusion the proposals for 26 Cecil Road seek to improve the urban fabric of the street, whilst delivering a modern high quality residential development. The proposal would create a high quality residential developmen with a distinct character and a mix of dwelling types that are in accordance with the aspirations of the Loca Plan and Enfield council. The scheme relates directly to the scale of the surrounding buildings, and the London vernacular, whilst sensitively reducing its mass and bulk to the front in order to minimise impact on the streetscape and the nearby properties and mediating between the changing built environments and context on all sides of the site

The architectural language and careful use of a limited palette of quality materials reflects the workmanship, materials, detailing and the borough as a whole.

The proposal will deliver a functional, attractive and sustainable development. The housing mix provided offers a range of unit types for individuals, couples and families alike and internal layouts which have the ability to meet the changing needs of future occupants.

The overall vision for the site is a scheme where future residents can benefit from high quality new homes and spaces, complimented by a range of leisure uses within the existing area such as retail, cultural and public open space. The site presents an excellent opportunity to deliver much-needed, high quality market housing in a highly sustainable location.



1 Existing Location Plan 1:1250


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West Elevation


East Elevation



Photo-realistic CGI render of the proposal (done by others)

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