

Ringers Road / Ethelbert Road Public Inquiry

Request and reasons for specific stops in the Inquiry walkabout. Comments are strictly in accord with the Council and Bromley Civic Society written submissions

1. **Ethelbert Close - views from the close** of the tower block site in relation to the character of the 2 storey housing in the Close. (note: while the Close is identified as part of site 10 the previous Churchill Quarter development on which the Ringers Road developer places much reliance was withdrawn and will not reappear in that form again.)
2. **Ethelbert Road – view up the road** with the blank wall of the tower block in relation to the low rise Victorian housing. (Note: This is the last remaining area of Victorian housing in the Town Centre.
3. **Ethelbert Road View of the existing houses** in relation to the applicant’s visual showing the tower block hard up against the 1871 two storey house. (Queries: 1. how can the impossible juxtaposition be regarded as acceptable urban planning or good design ? 2. Will not the excavations for the tower block cause damage to the adjacent property and possibly others and distress for residents of the Road and the Close? )

Suggest follow path into Church House Gardens (tennis courts and woodland designated Local Green Space, along past the recently restored River Ravensbourne and Mill Pond (a mill here is referred to in the Domesday Book of 1087) and across Glassmill Lane into Queens Mead

1. **Views from all parts of Queens Mead** which is part of the Town Centre Conservation Area
2. the tree lined ridge unchanged in essence over the 1000 years or so of recorded Brmley history; 2. the 15th c Parish Church Tower 3. Grade II Listed 1774 Pixfield Court (partially obscured at present by a temporary Network Rail depot); 4. Churchill Theatre & Library tower.

(note : currently all High Street buildings apart from the theatre/library tower appear either below the tree line or just slightly above. The more prominent Mall Shopping centre tower predated the designation of the conservation area by 15 years and hopefully should not set a precedent in views from this part of the conservation area.)

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