

**SECTION '1' – Applications submitted by the London Borough of Bromley**

**Application No :** 17/02617/LBC

**Ward:**  
**Biggin Hill**

**Address :** St Georges RAF Chapel Main Road  
Biggin Hill TN16 3EJ

**OS Grid Ref:** E: 541078 N: 160603

**Applicant :** Mr Walker

**Objections : YES**

**Description of Development:**

Repair work to front boundary railings and set of gates.

Key designations:

Conservation Area: RAF Biggin Hill

Biggin Hill Noise Contours

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Biggin Hill Safeguarding Area

Green Belt

London City Airport Safeguarding

Major Development Sites

Smoke Control SCA 24

Technical Sites BH

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**Proposal**

Proposal to repair front boundary railings and gates to St Georges RAF Chapel which is a Grade II listed building. A specification document prepared by a conservation consultant and contractor has been submitted outlining the condition and recommended repair strategy.

**Consultations**

None received.

**Planning Considerations**

The application falls to be determined in accordance with S.7 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 which requires work to a listed building that would affect its special architectural or historic interest to be authorised by the relevant planning authority. The following policies of the Unitary Development Plan are further considerations:

BE8 Statutory Listed Buildings

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### Planning History

A proposal to construct a heritage centre and repair the existing chapel was consented under 17/00736/LBC & 17/00728/FULL1. This development was described as: Proposed Memorial Museum (Use Class D1) with ancillary café/ shop (Use Class A1/A3) with associated car parking, landscaping and alterations to the access points, demolition of modern annex building at St Georges Chapel and minor alterations to the listed building.

### Conclusions

RAF Biggin Hill Memorial chapel was built to commemorate airmen lost whilst flying from Biggin Hill in WWII. It was Consecrated 1951 and designed by architect W Wylton Todd ARIBA. Steel Railings front the site with a pair of gates, both with RAF insignia. The condition of the railings and gates is poor with sections leaning over, paint peeling and some localised corrosion. Corrosion is to be repaired by hand with some sections being taken offsite to a specialist conservation workshop. Previous paint analysis identified the original colour as "Bronze Green" and it is proposed to use this colour again.

The proposal has been informed by an expert conservation condition survey and sound conservation techniques are proposed to repair the existing fabric and restore the railings and gates to their original state.

The application site was visited by the case officer and the aims and objectives of the above policies, national and regional planning guidance, all other material planning considerations including any objections, other representations and relevant planning history on the site were taken into account in the assessment of the proposal.

Recommendation Listed Building Consent

### **RECOMMENDATION: GRANT LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**

**subject to the following conditions:**

- 1 The works hereby granted consent shall be commenced within 5 years of the date of this decision notice.**

**Reason: Section 18, Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.**