

**Committee:** 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
DC/19/62530

**Ward:** Smethwick

Mr Aman Laffire Afghan Sikh Ekta Charitable FND 15-18 South Road Smethwick B67 7BN	<b>Demolition of existing building and replacement with proposed place of religious worship.</b> 15-18 South Road Smethwick B67 7BN
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**Date Valid Application Received** 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**1. Recommendations**

That your Committee visit the site.

**2. Observations**

This application is being brought to your committee at the request of Councillor Linda Horton who has raised concerns regarding the historic nature of the building and insufficient parking. In addition, three objections have been received.

**The Application and Site**

The application site is situated on the edge of the Smethwick Town Centre Conservation Area and opposite the Grade II Listed Holy Trinity Church. The site currently houses an office building which was initially built as a terrace of three houses, probably built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

The applicant proposes to demolish the existing building and replace it with a two-storey structure for the purposes of a place of worship. 24 off road car parking spaces will be provided to the side and rear. The overall dimensions of the new building would be 27.3m wide by 12.6m deep by 11.2m high.

The application has been publicised by neighbour notification letters, site notice and press notice and three objections have been received which will be summarised for your July Committee.

Statutory consultations have been undertaken and will be reported in full at your July Committee.

If your Committee are so minded, a visit by members to the site may be appropriate with a full report being made to your next Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

**3. Relevant History**

DC/99/35921 - Change of use to Travel Agents office with living accommodation for staff and external alterations.

DC/23892 - Convert part of loft area into offices.

DC/06/46497 - Erection of 18 apartments (12 No. 1 Bed & 6 No. 2 Bed) & alterations to existing highway access.

**4. Central Government Guidance**

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

**5. Development Plan Policy**

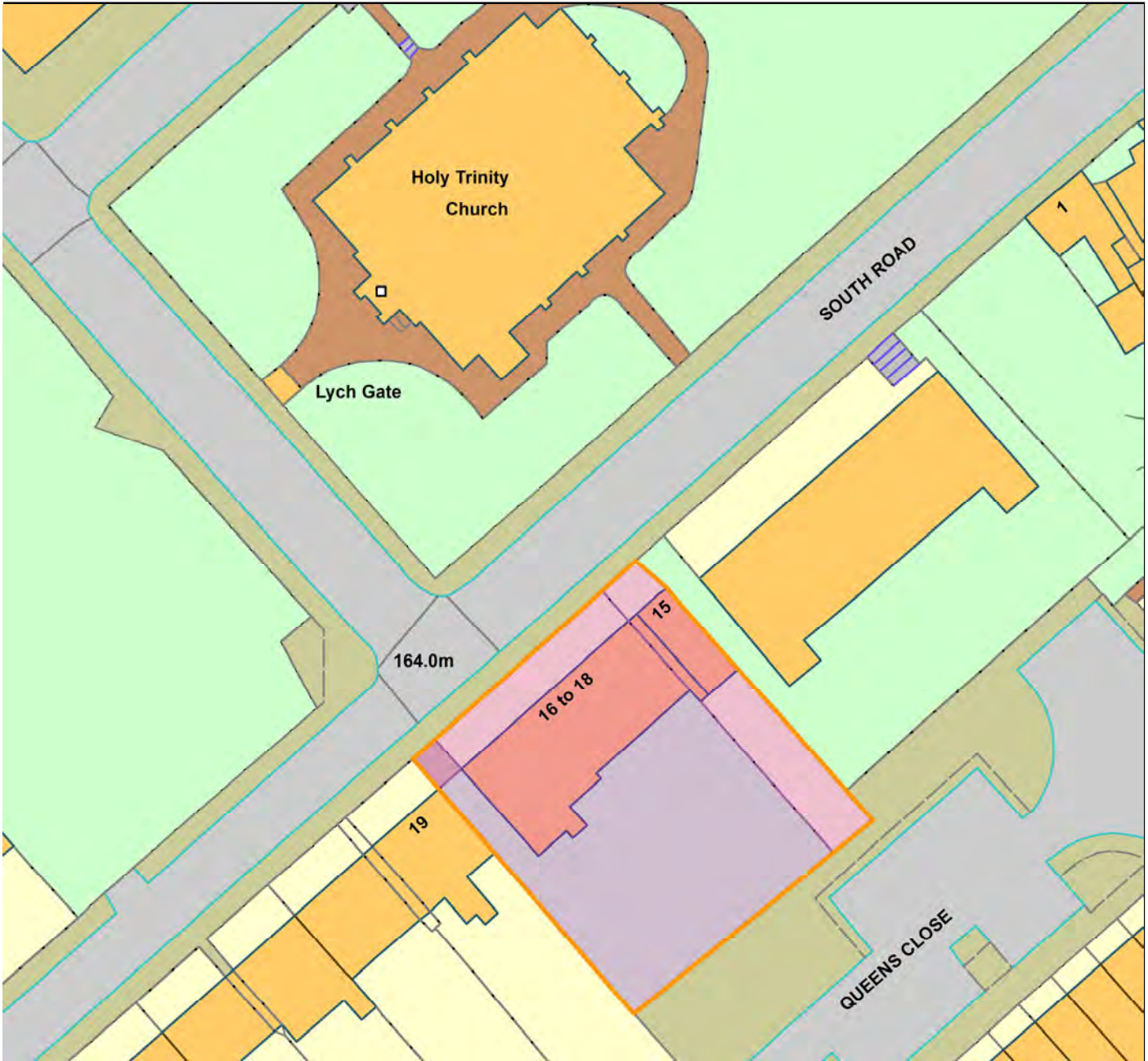
Relevant policies

**6. Contact Officer**

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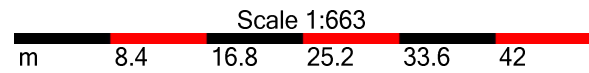
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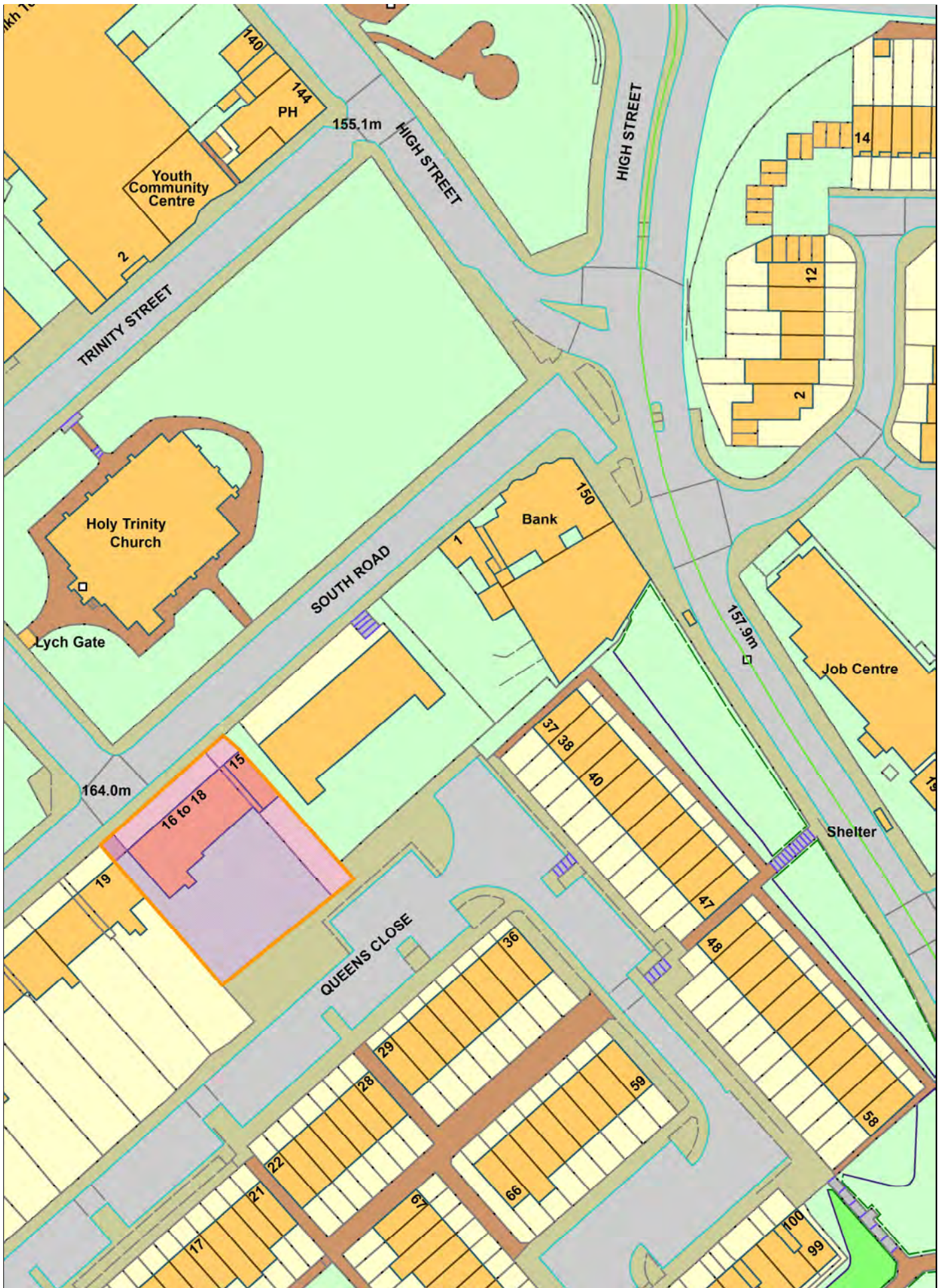
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