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Comments: It is obvious that a political decision has been made that this planning application must be pushed through as quickly as possible, giving minimal chance for residents to study it, on the cusp of an election.

The 21 days notice has included the school Easter holidays, two bank holidays, and postage time. There was under a week's notice for the Development Control Planning forum. The announcement to the press was highly spun and it is highly unlikely that the vast majority of residents have an understanding of the implications of this development. Few will have had an opportunity or the time to even view the plans.

The proposal is a vast, dense tower block up to six floors and comprises a total of 123 flats. There is little public understanding that the re-development of the town hall will be based on a huge public debt for many years and is unlikely to be economically sustainable.

The site of these two planning proposals is entirely surrounded by highly populated residential roads. The lack of proper parking provision for the tower block will create unnecessary parking traffic misery for our residential community.

Commercially, the loss of the town hall car park - Crouch End's only car park - will threaten the success of both the town hall venture and our local shopping and business community. I can think of no other town centre which would even contemplate bringing in an entertainment complex of this magnitude, where there is neither a tube station within walking distance nor a car park to bring in customers.

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