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# Council halts BDP plan to demolish Victorian terrace

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Conservation architect steps in to east London project

A Victorian terrace in east London once praised by Pevsner as “unusually exuberant” has been saved from the wrecker’s ball.

Vallance Road was identified in a BDP masterplan for the wider regeneration of the area as “gateway” into Whitechapel and the buildings were declared potentially unsafe.

But the Victorian Society condemned Tower Hamlets council’s decision to demolish them as a “crushing blow to the conservation area”.

A campaign to save the buildings, which include a fragment of Jethro T Robinson’s former Pavilion Theatre, was spearheaded by the [Spitalfields Life](#) blog and the East End Preservation Society.

The strength of opposition forced the council to withdraw its application for demolition.

It is now exploring other options which include a proposal by conservation practice Jonathan Freegard Architects to retain the buildings as part of a mixed-use scheme with housing, retail and office space.

The practice was commissioned by the Spitalfields Trust.



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