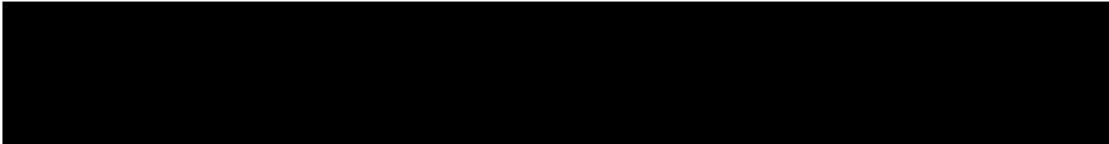




Subject: Objection to Planning application No 2022/5392/P



Dear Camden Council,

We are writing to voice a strong objection to the proposed planning permission for the construction of additional floors on top of Benjamin and Searle House. As current residents of Benjamin House, we are certainly and deeply concerned about the numerous problems this would cause for the local community for the following reasons:

1. Living on the ground floor of Benjamin House, we are already struggling with the sunlight having in total just a couple of hours during summer, making apartment look very dull during other seasons. The additional floors will block natural light even more negatively impacting the value of the flat.
2. As a specialist working from home, I fear this won't be an option for me with the noise and privacy issues caused by development. Poor soundproofing in the building makes it challenging enough without additional building noises. Apart from that, I can't imagine scaffolding being installed somewhere near Benjamin House as all of the ground-floor apartments have patios which is our only chance to enjoy some natural light. Additional floors and more people will invade this privacy.
3. The proposed development will lead to tremendous disruption and inconvenience to those residing due to creating additional pressure on the already problematic water supply and air conditioning system. Worth mentioning, this would impact massively existing rubbish issues onsite.
4. Building management has been ignoring list of alarming issues for years: underground parking flooding; residents being trapped inside car lift; broken CCTV resulting in raising number of thieves having access to the building; lack of rubbish bins; malfunctioning air con. And the new plan most definitely to make Benjamin House and premises less manageable.

As a community, we've been uniting to make small but meaningful changes to the prosperity of this area and we do hope our concerns will be considered.

Christina & Viktor,
Residents of Benjamin House, Cecil Grove, NW8 7EF