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**To:** Planning Planning  
**Cc:** Leon Blitz  
**Subject:** Planning Application 2023/2648/P

Dear Sir,

I am the freeholder and my family also have TWO apartments (which they occupy) to the connected neighbouring / adjoining property to 16 Village Close, Belsize Lane NW3 5AH.

I would like to say that we object to the proposed application by no 16 for many reasons, see below. But firstly, not to have been consulted or made aware of this by our neighbour and from the council is unacceptable.

We were only made aware of this by ONE sign on a nearby road pole, which in fact is not there anymore.

1. Why did the council not write to us or inform all 10 owners in the adjoining apartment block of the application?
2. This planning application follows a previous application Numbered 37240 with conditional approval (17-11-1983) granted for building to convert one of the private garages into an additional bedroom and erection of single-story rear extension to the garage. So we are talking about planning having been conditionally granted and development having taken place well after approval (from records planning had expired) then to add a further 2 floors (including roof elevation) and a separate entrance.
3. This previous development only took place in the past 3/4 years (after planning had expired) and appears as if BOTH garages were converted to residential accommodation with driveway being elevated with concrete poured and ascetically not matching any sidewalks or roads – untreated and raw concrete..
4. The road has major flooding issues (noted on previous application) specifically at the junction of this property and ours because of concrete poured in last few years when the extension was built – it's at a level higher than sidewalk and road, and water runs down Belsize lane (from east to west and is diverted down into our basement and garages. We have major water ingress in basement as a result.
5. How is it possible for a further application after a previous approval to add further residential unit above a previous permission and request for separate entrance ? In other words, approving a new residential unit?
6. The drawings submitted are **misleading in that they DO not show the abutting** / adjoining building at all and more worrying **don't even reflect the impact** in that building line is over the line of the neighbouring flats and terraces and the first floor and roof elevation will obstruct **BOTH light and overlook**.
7. The proposed building alterations indicate they will be right up against 2 of our floors and the impact of having owners buying units that were not party walls is significant were it approved.

For these reasons we object to the application  
Leon Blitz

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