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To
Planning - Development Control
Camden Council
Camden Town Hall
London WC1H 8ND

From
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19 September 2023

Dear Sirs,

I am writing as the Freeholder of 32A Winchester Road concerning the application by Grolar through Charles Rose of City Planning for planning permission for the erection of a side extension to front porch height, at 32, as above, for additional residential accommodation for the first and second floor flat.

To begin with, I find it difficult to imagine that Camden would even consider such a thing for purely architectural reasons. There must be a preservation order on such a property. I don't think that adding a large modern lump to a graceful Victorian terrace, and destroying a beautiful old tree in the process, is anything that a town planner would agree to, I'm sure. But I am writing a list of objections just in case there is any doubt in your minds about the validity of such an application.

1. David Searle of Grolar Developments wrote to me in April asking for nearly £8,000 for some building works, with no request for my consent, no original estimate and no legal invoice at all. This is a company I know nothing about at all. I have written to them, once on May 17 and again in July for further information but they have ignored my requests. These people are not easy to trust!

2. I was very shocked to receive the letter from Charles Rose of City Planning about somebody called Gloral Developments. Gloral does not exist, so this would have been illegal. This was later amended to Grolar.

3. I wrote to David Searle on 25 July to say how shocked I was that no one had even done me the courtesy of contacting me about this proposal or shown me any proposed plans. They did not even have the decency to ask my permission, which they would surely need, to see how they would affect my flat and my tenants. I have had no reply at all to my requests, which I find very unsettling and unprofessional.

4. I don't think that anyone can add anything to my part of the building anyway without my agreement. The exterior wall at ground level belongs to me and I don't want anything attached to it, and certainly not with the way Grolar are behaving.

5. I also don't think that everyone in Winchester Road has been adequately informed about these proposed works, as I am sure they will be equally anxious about this. I really hope that you will be kind enough to help us with this situation.

I would also be extremely grateful if you could write to me and keep me in the loop of what is going on, and also if you could keep Sebastian Martienssen in the garden flat and Yvonne Luo and Monica of the ground floor informed of all the developments as we are all extremely upset by the behaviour of Grolar.

Many many thanks - Mary Komocki.

Copies to Monica + Yvonne Luo, S. Martienssen, D. Searle + Andrew Komocki