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2023/5338/P	Sara Bell	27/01/2024 10:00:15	OBJ	<p>I have lived here for 38 years. I object to this application on the grounds of what it will mean to the eventual heritage value of our Grade II* listed buildings. There are many parts to this application that have not even been mentioned to the residents of this estate and I'm someone very involved in TRA business and never heard of! What are cold water storage tank rooms? What are the two new substations?</p> <p>You need to realise that although we may need a different heating system what Camden has gone back to again is an old fashioned radiator system run by gas boilers! This is not a system worthy of this building, it is environmentally unfriendly, will cause irreparable damage to the listing, destroy our listed interiors and will not work. It will create fuel poverty and damp! We have seen what happened at the Whittington which is still ongoing six years later. You need to stop and properly listen to the residents. Camden cannot afford what they plan because the aftermath will be financially crippling for them and we residents will end up paying for this massive mistake giving you and us a living nightmare for years to come. There is still time to get the right system. Yes to double glazing now. Insulate various parts of the buildings which can be done now without the building looking any different. Replace some of the pipe work. Maintain the boilers properly. No HIUs. Then we look at the internals and a system befitting the world problems bringing us into the 22nd century. We do not believe Heritage England has any idea of the changes Camden want to do. We want a conversation with them and you should too. Camden should be putting themselves forward as a leader in retrofit for listed buildings such as ours NOT a council that plunges us into a pleather of wasted money and absolute misery.</p> <p>I object most strongly. Camden need to get this right FIRST TIME and start thinking outside of the box. We have time to do that if the glazing etc is fine first. People with no heating or little heating they just need to deal with on an ad hoc basis until we are all agreed! Thank you</p>

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2023/5338/P	Emily	28/01/2024 21:07:12	OBJ	<p>It is absolutely ridiculous that Camden want to replace half of a heating system. It makes no sense at all to replace pipe work and install radiators when nothing is happening to the boilers. The main reason for lack of hot water / heating is because the boilers keep breaking. I have only lived here a short while and have experienced every winter without heating and hot water. As tenants, we pay such a high amount in Gas charges yet we never seem to receive a working system. Putting in radiators is a quick and cheap response to a very large and complicated problem.</p> <p>The work is going to be very disruptive and will look awful in my flat. The rooms are very big and need a lot of heat to stop mould and damp from forming. The new radiators are going to be far too small to ensure enough heat to the room.</p> <p>If the new heating system fails or is not used correctly, which is likely, damp and mould will start to form which will cause serious risks to mine and my children's health.</p> <p>The GEM engineers that currently oversee the heating system are inexperienced and lack understanding of the system. If they can't even maintain the existing system how are they supposed to maintain a brand new one. . Camden are useless with their maintenance and repairs and putting in a new system is not going to change the fact that it will still need to be maintained in order to work correctly. Like I've previously mentioned the boilers are not getting a look in so the same problem of no heating and hot water will arise.</p> <p>We currently have no insulation on the property, we don't even have double glazing. These need to be addressed first before a new heating system is installed. Replacing the glass in windows with the original old wooden frames is unacceptable. Drafts will continue to come into the flat and the little heat we get will still escape.</p> <p>These proposals are ridiculous. We need to think about the climate and the future of our homes.</p>

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2023/5338/P	Shannon Green	27/01/2024 15:45:46	OBJ	<p>I am a new resident to the estate and am dismayed to hear of these proposals. Having come from a different council estate in Islington the situation on the Alexandra and Ainsworth Estate is significantly better despite our old residence being on a newer system. I do not believe the implementation of a similar system here will do anything to resolve the issues that many have and in all likelihood will create more issues.</p> <p>Having done my own research I see that the current system is well past its expected service life, why then knowing this day was coming for many many years have the council failed to do anything? We are now at a point where the council is using the urgency of the matter to try and enforce a universally unpopular plan.</p> <p>These buildings were wonderfully designed to give all of us a good amount of space within a unique and interesting structure meant to evoke the best of futurism and a world in which social housing is an equal and valued part of the community. These proposals completely ignore this intent instead focusing only on cost effectiveness for the council.</p> <p>There is simply no space for the internal work required in each flat under these proposals and it is not fitting that residents should have to deal with so much disruption and additional personal costs because the council did not plan properly.</p> <p>Furthermore I was shocked to hear the council propose such an unsustainable and environmentally questionable solution. Given the council's commitment to significant climate goals I just do not see how these two issues square.</p> <p>Finally I really think this whole situation shows a lack of leadership and imagination at Camden council. You have such a unique and wonderful site and community that has so much potential for innovative ideas and pilots schemes. Why not partner with the amazing minds at The Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction, what a project this would be for them and we could benefit from the world's most advanced knowledge on the topic.</p> <p>I really do hope to see a change in direction here, we expected a lot more from Camden council.</p>

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2023/5338/P	Adrian Bucher	27/01/2024 15:11:32	OBJ	<p>I am writing this message in strong opposition to the two planning applications intended for the estate. Though two separate applications, they very much relate to the same issue and so will be spoken about together. While residents have indeed experienced issues with heating and hot water, the solutions being proposed by the council are problematic for a variety of reasons including (but not limited to) being environmentally unsustainable; having been brought about by largely disregarding the views and preferences of those on the estate that have been working on the issue for many years; and ultimately introducing a situation which inevitably will not only fail to fix the issues, but actively harm the living standards of residents. From a financial perspective, this proposal is destined to fail. What is being proposed is tens of millions of tax-payers' money to be spent on a system that cannot and will not be able to heat homes properly or anywhere near as evenly as the present system (even with its faults) due to the inability of Camden's proposed system to avoid draughts, condensation, and (therefore) black mould; as well as the hesitancy and outright inability for some residents to afford even the most basic of heating with the seemingly never-ending energy price increases. For anyone that has ever lived in the estate, it is clear why this is an important issue due it being built using concrete. I would rather not be sentenced to having poorer health in my own home. Compounding this issue is that, what Camden council are proposing isn't even fixing the present problem - simply putting shiny new equipment while the underlying infrastructure, where the issues lie, remains the same. This is absurd. The present issues will continue to persist meaning that Camden will continue to spend money and valuable resources on maintenance trying to fix the present issues that will persist (not to mention any new ones that may arise) - but the only difference is that millions will have already been wasted on implementing this doomed proposal. It is puzzling as to why anyone would waste this much money on a system that is worse - and one that nobody wants. The only reason that I can think of as to why anyone would want to implement this is from the perspective of the council that wants to shift even more costs to residents. I (perhaps naïvely) hope that this isn't the case as the council are supposed to help the people of Camden instead of making their lives harder. However, that's how life seems to go more and more these days. Furthermore, speaking to neighbours, it becomes clear that the council has a bad reputation as far as maintenance of the present system is concerned. If the council cannot be relied upon to fix the present system, then there is no guarantee that the future maintenance of an inferior system can be depended upon. In fact, it would be foolish to think that this would change. The amount of work and disruption that this would cause is also unimaginable - not just when the actual work is being done (issues like property being left unlocked all day, furniture moved, the noise, the mess, etc.) but once the work has been completed (layout of properties will be completely changed that will, in several cases, need further work). This will have significant financial implications for residents - for which I'm sure that the council will absolutely not volunteer compensation. What of properties with older adults? Younger children? People with disabilities? Pets? People who work from home? People who work late shifts? It is impossible that these groups were not considered when this planning application was submitted...but it just feels like someone just doesn't care. This last remark may seem harsh, but is not without grounds. No one that I have spoken to wants this new system. The Tenants and Residents Association, who have tried to work with the council on this for years (even being consulted via a workshop), have had their views all but disregarded - and they are people who actually live here, which, I recently found out, is not the case with employees of Camden council. How can such a significant change be proposed by people who don't even live here? I also understand that the council have also hid behind the estate's listed status to avoid doing work in previous years but then decide when it does or does not apply. I cannot believe that the council seriously intends to add external piping to the building. We accept that there are present issues - but what is being proposed in the planning applications makes absolutely no sense.</p>