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I am particularly worried about the lack of care and responsibility the applicant will be taking in terms of security and safety for all residents in Fortress Yard. In my experience, there has been a consistent disregard from him in our dealings over the past twenty years.

During early 2020, I was in touch with Camden Council to complain about an enormous pile of rubble and building trash up against my house and the fire escape of number 53. Photos from 05/03/2020 have been submitted to the Planning Officer. It was left there for many months, increasing in size and acting as a major hazard for all Fortress Yard residents.

We reported our concerns for the safety of children living in this area, as there were many rusty nails and bits of glass left everywhere. One of your officers came out to inspect and the landlord was ordered to remove the debris.

For many months now, another rubbish dump has appeared in the same area from building work already executed in the new properties in 47-51. Again, waste and remnants from the work have been left out after renovations; large pieces of metal, ceramics and white goods have been propped haphazardly against fences and have caused an eyesore. No attempt has been made to address this situation and it has become intolerable for the residents. In my opinion, the environment outside 47-51 is currently unsafe and will be further exacerbated by a growing transient population.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the general surface in the yard has never been maintained and is a constant danger to people walking or children playing. I have seen people trip on their way to the Air BnB properties in Fortress Yard 7 A-B. I highly recommend new surfacing is included in the application.

I must also point out that the drains in the Fortress Yard parking area are performing at around 30% efficiency, and we consistently experience heavy flooding because the drain serving Fortress yard discharges across the property outside the proposed new flats. It is essential this invert level is adjusted and corrected to alleviate, rather than further contribute to, the lack of drainage.

I am keen to hear how waste can be better managed in Fortress Yard, as there are no wheelie bin facilities. Will Camden commit to collecting the bins if they are positioned outside the new properties in the Yard?

Please notice that there is an error in the application here as Fortress Yard is a private road and clearly not a "public realm".

Many thanks.