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Comments on Planning application 2024/0286/L (Listed Building Consent)

I request that the application be **REFUSED** for the following reasons:

MISLEADING STATEMENTS IN THE APPLICATION

Quotes from the application:

1. *"Replacement of existing single glazing with double vacuum glazing within existing douglas fir frame to dwellings around the estate.*
2. *"Removal of domestic hot water cylinders within flats and Installation of new heating interface unit, emitters and associated pipework within dwellings across the estate".*
2. *"Internals of all dwellings across the estate. External windows to all dwellings"*

DOUBTS ABOUT HOW HISTORIC ENGLAND WAS CONSULTED

No evidence is given to substantiate the applicant's statement in the associated documents that Historic England is "generally supportive" of the proposals and that residents also agree (which is untrue). Given how badly the alterations would disfigure the estate, I simply do not believe that Historic England could possibly have approved of them, had they been given the correct information. The TRA has repeatedly asked, over a period of years, for details of the interaction between the applicant and Historic England. There has never been any response. Therefore I put in an FOI seeking information about this. The documentation I received confirms, in fact, that the conversation between Camden and its heritage advisors was steered by Camden, using technical information, to persuade the heritage advisors that no other solution was possible and that in any case the harm to heritage would be minor. Surprisingly, looking at the documentation, the input from heritage advisors has been very hands-off and subservient to what they were being told by Camden's engineers. I am very concerned about the role of the heritage advisors and in particular by Camden's in-house Conservation Officer.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO A GRADE II* LISTED BUILDING

In general

The proposed alterations would be irreversible. If carried out, it is doubtful that the Grade II* listing could any longer be justified.

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ABOUT ME

- I have been a resident of the Alexandra and Ainsworth Estate for nearly 14 years.
- I am a member of the Tenants and Residents' Association and the Heating Subgroup.
- I am a recently retired architect. During my career I specialised in architecturally important large, technically complex buildings with highly engineered services systems.
- I have been a tutor at universities in the UK, Italy, and the United States.
- I have taught at Bath with Neave Brown, architect of the Estate, and with Max Fordham.
- As a past member of the Cases Committee of the Twentieth Century Society, I have expert knowledge of listing in relation to modern buildings.