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Ct: Eddie Hanson (Clir)
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Dear Ms Quigley,

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Shannon Green and I am a resident at the Alexandra and Ainsworth Estate. I am writing this message in strong opposition to the planning applications intended for the estate (2023/5339/P and 2024/0286/L following my objections to 2023/5338/P and 2024/0091/L). Though two separate applications, they very much relate to the same issue and so will be spoken about together.

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.

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 has 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 here and a community that has so much potential for innovative ideas and pilot 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.

I really do hope to see a change in direction here, we expected a lot more from Camden council. We accept that there are present issues - but what is being proposed in the planning applications makes absolutely no sense.

I, along with many other residents, firmly object to these plans by the council.

Best Wishes, Shannon Green