

Alexandra and Ainsworth Estate  
Tenants and Residents Association

**Planning Application 2024/0091/L**

Type of comment: **OBJECTION** on the grounds of harm to the Grade II\* listing.

This TRA is the recognised body representing all tenants and leaseholders.

This application for Listed Building Consent (along with its associated documents) is unacceptable because:

- The Alexandra Road Estate is one of the best models of social housing in the world. It receives many visitors.
- A very large number of residents are completely against the proposed replacement heating system, mainly because of the harm it would cause to the heritage.
- Regardless of any Heritage Partnership or other Agreements already in place that may *de facto* permit the proposed works, these would cause irreversible harm to the exteriors and interiors of all three Blocks A, B, and C.
- For many years Camden has been insisting that the heating system described in this application is the only viable option, and that the harm it would cause to the heritage is unavoidable and not significant. This TRA disagrees and has been trying to prevent it at every step of the way.
- Throughout that long process, Camden has always insisted that their proposed new heating system was the only viable solution. The harm it would cause to the listing is always downplayed in their conversations with the heritage bodies.
- The proposed replacement heating would block all other future alternative opportunities whilst leaving the listed buildings irreversibly harmed, internally and externally.
- If the proposed works are permitted they would eliminate any opportunity, now and for the future, to develop a better heating system that would protect the heritage much more effectively.
- By using its power to reject this application, Camden will safeguard the listing and will open the way to the prospect of a much better heating system that fully embraces the more efficient, long-term sustainable 21st century alternatives being rapidly developed. This will further enhance Camden's reputation as a green council that is taking the lead on large sustainable retrofit projects. Above all it will genuinely protect the heritage.

In view of the above, and in showing our support for the large number of residents who have submitted objections,

**THIS TRA ASKS THAT THE APPLICATION BE REFUSED**