

To Camden Council

Proposed works at Alexandra and Ainsworth Estate, Rowley, Way, London NW8

- 2023/5338/P (new heating plant and distribution pipework)
- 2023/5339/P Replacement of existing single glazing with double glazing and associated works
- 2024/0286/L External and Internal works including replacement of existing single glazing with double glazing, removal of domestic hot water cylinders and installation of new heating interface unit, emitters and associated pipework
- 2024/0091/L replacement of the existing estate-wide heating distribution infrastructure including removal of redundant pipework, installation of two new sub-pant rooms, installation of cold water storage tank rooms; replacement of existing side hoarding and installation of new replacement infrastructure pipework

I am Zainab Al Anadi

I live on Rowley Way, NW8 at Flat number 37B

I have lived here for 8.5 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 never heard of! What are cold water storage tank rooms? What are the two new substations?

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 plethora of wasted money and absolute misery.

I object most strongly. Camden needs to get this right FIRST TIME and start thinking outside of the box. We have time to do that if the glazing etc is done first. Do some insulation on the back of the blocks. This can be done without the building looking any different. People with no heating, little heating or no hot water they just need to be dealt with on an ad hoc basis until we are all agreed!

Yours sincerely

Signed: 

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