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Dear Elaine Quigley,

SITE: Alexandra Road Estate, Rowley Way, London NW8 0SN

I am writing as a young architect, but also as a local resident to Camden, to express my grave concerns and objection to the proposal for the replacement heating system and proposed alterations to Alexandra Road, a housing project of immense architectural and historical significance. (Planning applications. Ref: 2023/5338/P and 2023/5339/P, and also the associated Historic Building Consent applications 2024/0091/L and 2024/0286/L). As you are undoubtedly aware, Alexandra Road boasts a prestigious Grade II* listing and garners international recognition for its architectural significance. My final year dissertation delved into the works of the esteemed architect Neave Brown, rendering this project profoundly meaningful within the architectural profession, serving as a benchmark for countless projects worldwide.

The proposal outlined fails to provide the necessary justification for the substantial alterations it seeks to impose on this heritage asset. It is evident that the purported problems with the heating system lack substantial evidence. Claims of irreparable damage remain unsubstantiated, leaving doubts about the necessity for wholesale replacements.

Furthermore, the proposal disregards the adverse effects of individual heating control on the building's fabric, potentially leading to issues such as condensation and mold. The introduction of external trunking and heat emitters contradicts the essence of the original design and raises questions about the proposed eco-friendly transition in the future.

The decision to retrofit vacuum glazing, particularly sourced from China, without proper analysis or consideration of alternative solutions, is concerning. The lack of adherence to established conservation guidelines and the absence of a clear cost projection only exacerbate these concerns. In light of these inadequacies and oversights, I urge you to reconsider the proposal and ensure that any alterations to Alexandra Road are in line with its historical significance and architectural integrity.

Many thanks,

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