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Development Management  
Camden Council  
Camden Town Hall Extension  
Argyle Street, London WC1 8EQ

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning application No 2023/5048/P re 168 North Gower  
Street NW12ND

I am the owner of property on the first floor at 170 North Gower Street,  
which is directly next to and shares a party wall with 168 North Gower  
Street. I wish to lodge a very strong objection to the proposed ill-  
conceived works at 168 North Gower Street.

I have a window opening onto the existing lightwell and believe this  
development will reduce the volume of the lightwell leading to a loss of  
light, air and crucial ventilation. The loss of light and outlook will impact  
greatly on our well being and mental health. Also these are listed  
buildings, so light is restricted by the character of windows and  
lightwells. To reduce it further would be damaging in many ways.

Another crucial reason to object to this application is that the proposal  
will increase the density of occupancy in the property, putting more  
pressure on a street which has appalling provision for storage of refuse  
or domestic waste and with bags and unbagged garbage piling up every  
day on the pavement and regular sightings of rats. There is already a  
large population of students, HMOs etc in small dwellings within the  
buildings, especially at 168. We have all (businesses included)  
complained about the increasingly unsanitary refuse situation.

In summary, the proposed works will not benefit any existing residents in the immediate area but instead decrease our light, air circulation and well-being.

I also wish to put it on record that the works were poorly advertised and only came to our attention via a letter from local solicitors alerting us to the fact. If I and other residents at 170 North Gower Street had known about the earlier application to 168 (ref 2022/5410/P) I would have objected to that also for the same reasons as above.

Yours faithfully

Maria Del Mar Alvarez Munoz

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