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To whom it may concern

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I am writing in support of the Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development ('CLOPUD') application which has been submitted in respect of the vicarage for St Peter's Church, 53 Belsize Square, London, NW3 4HY.

The existing vicarage is no longer occupied as a vicarage and is currently occupied under a caretaker arrangement due to the imminent redevelopment of the Site which seeks to deliver the planning permission consented under application ref 2016/2470/P that permitted the delivery of a new 3 bedroom vicarage alongside a 1 bed flat above and a further 2 x 4 bedroom terrace houses.

Since the planning permission for the redevelopment of the vicarage was secured in 2016, the Diocese of London has concluded as part of an estate review that the new vicarage and 1 bed flat (intended as the vicarage for St Peter's Church, and other members of the clergy) consented as part of the development does not best suit the needs of the parish and as such we are seeking to sell those elements of the scheme alongside the rest of the consented development.


It is the intention of the Diocese of London to use the proceeds from the sale of the site to purchase a house elsewhere in the parish of St Peter's which is better suited to the needs of the church and the vicar.

A vicarage is the official residence of the vicar in their respective parish, it is a "parsonage property", meaning the property where the incumbent of a benefice (the vicar) is required by canon law to reside. The vicarage does not serve any purpose other than to act as a place of residence for the vicar and their family and as such it acts as a dwellinghouse.

On this basis, we hereby request that you approve the CLOPUD application to confirm that the vicarage and 1 bed flat proposed as part of planning permission 2016/2470/P, which are no longer required by the parish of St Peter's, can be occupied as general C3 'dwellinghouses'.

Thank you for considering our application.

Yours sincerely


Helen Batten