

To Camden Planning Officer:

I am joint owner/freeholder (with Mrs Susan Smith) of the property at 176 Leighton Road, NW5 2RE. It has only just been brought to our attention that a planning application was submitted in May 2024 for a roof and rear extension to Flat 174B Leighton Road. Planning permission was apparently granted in July 2024. I write to raise some serious questions regarding the procedural basis of this decision.

We're aware that it is a statutory requirement of Camden Council to inform interested parties of planning applications that may affect them. We are in the adjacent property to 174B Leighton Road and are most affected by this potential development. Yet, neither of us have been informed of the application or its result - by a letter from the Council or otherwise. I have only just seen the decision letter of 17 July which states that 'no objections were received following statutory consultation'. **This consultation never took place.** Indeed there has not even been an informal reference to these plans by neighbours at 174B.

I am the owner of Flat 176A and have a particular concern about plans for the rear extension to 174B which will directly border on my balcony and rear entrance. The decision letter suggests that the reduction of light to my flat will be 'minimal' as the glass door from my balcony faces a staircase. It does face a staircase but just beyond that, is my main living space. So, the rear extension will affect both my outlook and interior lighting, with a detrimental affect on my property overall. Had I been given the opportunity to object, my immediate reaction would have been to suggest modifying the extent of the rear extension to accommodate these concerns.

I am deeply disturbed by the process involved in granting planning approval for this application which seems highly irregular and goes against the stated formalities of Camden's planning regime. I would ask for the Council to reconsider its decision in the light of this information and to respond to the points made in my e-mail. I am copying in Mrs Susan Smith, the joint freeholder of 176 Leighton Road.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marie Conte-Helm OBE