

I wish to object to the application (2024/2988/P) for planning permission on 27 Elizabeth Mews, NW3 4UH.

I, Sarah Adair, am the owner of 15 Elizabeth Mews and my pregnant daughter and her husband are currently living at this address.

I object to this plan on several grounds:

1. This mews was never intended for the population size that already inhabits the space. Over the years remodeling has created additional dwellings and the resulting pressure is already obvious. There is very limited parking for residents, and when any service vehicle attempts to turn into the mews problems occur. For example, Camden Council often fail to collect all rubbish and recycling on the assigned days due to access issues, and emergency services also have extremely restricted access when their help is needed. There is but a single, narrow lane dividing and giving access to all the dwellings. This plan not only doubles the commercial premises but calls for an additional living space, which the mews simply cannot accommodate.
2. There may already precedent for roof extensions as this has unfortunately been granted to #26, but we have not yet had to undergo a basement excavation. We fear that, if this plan is granted, the mews will soon be utterly overwhelmed.
3. Both the design and the scale of this plan will destroy the aspect of this conservation area.
4. Even if this plan is physically possible to achieve, safety must be considered. Whether during construction because of scaffolding and skips, or after the new structure is in place because of increased overcrowding and narrowing of access. If our emergency services are not able to reach a burning building at the far end of the mews this permission will be regretted.