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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

### **Full Planning Permission Granted Subject to a Section 106 Legal Agreement**

Address:

**Flat 41**  
**Avenue Mansions**  
**503 Finchley Road**  
**London**  
**NW3 7BA**

Proposal:

Conversion of existing four-bedroom self-contained flat (Flat 41) at second floor level to facilitate the creation of 1x two-bedroom and 1x three-bedroom self-contained flats  
Drawing Nos: 960.1, 960.2, Location Plan

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

960.1, 960.2, Location Plan

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

- 3 The development hereby approved shall achieve a maximum internal water use of 110litres/person/day. The dwelling/s shall not be occupied until the Building Regulation optional requirement has been complied with.

Reason: To ensure the development contributes to minimising the need for further water infrastructure in an area of water stress in accordance with Policies CC1, CC2, CC3 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting permission.

Policy H4 on maximising affordable housing requires a contribution to affordable housing from all developments that provide one or more additional homes and involve the total addition to residential floorspace of 100sqm GIA or more. In this case, the proposal seeks to subdivide one existing flat into two self-contained dwellings. As no additional residential floorspace is proposed, the proposal not liable for an affordable housing contribution.

Proposed Flat 41A meets the minimum technical housing standards for two-bedroom, three-person dwellings at 61sqm GIA (minimum 61sqm). The unit is dual aspect, facing north and east, and features a small balcony accessed via the double-bedroom. Proposed Flat 41B significantly exceeds the minimum technical standards for three-bedroom, four-person dwellings at 120sqm GIA (minimum 74sqm). The unit is triple-aspect, facing east, south, and west into the central lightwell. Although Flat 41B does not feature outdoor amenity area, this is considered acceptable given the unit far exceeds the required minimum GIA. It is considered both new units would be provided with sufficient availability of daylight and sunlight, outlook, ventilation, and privacy.

No external alterations are proposed to facilitate the creation of the two units.

In accordance with policy T2, the additional unit will be secured as residents parking permit (car) free by means of a Section 106 legal agreement. The applicant has nominated Flat 41A as the unit which will be car free. Flat 41B will retain the option for a residents parking permit.

In accordance with policy T1, it is expected cycle parking at developments is to be provided in accordance with the standards set out in the London Plan. For residential units with 2 or more bedrooms the requirement is for 2 spaces per unit, resulting in a requirement for 2 spaces to be provided for the additional unit. However, no cycle parking is shown on the submitted plans and it would appear that insufficient space exists within the building at ground floor to accommodate a cycle store. As such, the contribution towards the provision of off-site (on-street) cycle parking in the form of a bike hanger to be provided in the vicinity of the site. A cycle parking contribution of (£4,320/6 x 2=) £1,440

will be secured by means of a Section 106 legal agreement.

Given the scope and scale of the proposed works, they are not anticipated to create any negative impacts to neighbouring residential amenity with regards to loss of daylight and sunlight, outlook, or privacy.

No objections were received following statutory consultation. The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the West End Green Conservation Area, under s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies A1, D1, D2, H1, H6, H7, T1, and T2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017 and policies 1, 2, 7 and 8 of the Fortune Green & West Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2015. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2023.

- 2 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts that cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (tel: 020-7974 6941).
- 3 This approval does not authorise the use of the public highway. Any requirement to use the public highway, such as for hoardings, temporary road closures and suspension of parking bays, will be subject to approval of relevant licence from the Council's Streetworks Authorisations & Compliance Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No 020 7974 4444). Licences and authorisations need to be sought in advance of proposed works. Where development is subject to a Construction Management Plan (through a requirement in a S106 agreement), no licence or authorisation will be granted until the Construction Management Plan is approved by the Council.
- 4 All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements - a copy is available on the Council's website (search for 'Camden Minimum Requirements' at [www.camden.gov.uk](http://www.camden.gov.uk)) or contact the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444)

Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You must secure the approval of the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team prior to undertaking such activities outside these hours.

- 5 You are advised that Section 44 of the Deregulation Act 2015 [which amended the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973]] only permits short term letting of residential premises in London for up to 90 days per calendar year. The person who provides the accommodation must be liable for council tax in respect of the premises, ensuring that the relaxation applies to residential, and not commercial, premises.
- 6 Your attention is drawn to the fact that there is a separate legal agreement with the Council which relates to the development for which this permission is granted. Information/drawings relating to the discharge of matters covered by the Heads of Terms of the legal agreement should be marked for the attention of the Planning Obligations Officer, Sites Team, Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street, WC1H 8EQ.
- 7 If a revision to the postal address becomes necessary as a result of this development, application under Part 2 of the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939 should be made to the Camden Contact Centre on Tel: 020 7974 4444 or Environment Department (Street Naming & Numbering) Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street, WC1H 8EQ.

8 Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("1990 Act") is that planning permission granted in England is subject to the condition ("the biodiversity gain condition") that development may not begin unless:

- (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and;
- (b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The local planning authority (LPA) that would approve any Biodiversity Gain Plan (BGP) (if required) is London Borough of Camden.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. These are summarised below.

Based on the information available, this will not require the approval of a BGP before development is begun because the planning application was made before 12 February 2024.

If the onsite habitat includes Irreplaceable Habitat (within the meaning of the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024) there are additional requirements. In addition to information about minimising adverse impacts on the habitat, the BGP must include information on compensation for any impact on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat. The LPA can only approve a BGP if satisfied that the impact on the irreplaceable habitat is minimised and appropriate arrangements have been made for compensating for any impact which do not include the use of biodiversity credits.

If planning permission is granted under section 73, and a BGP was approved in

relation to the previous planning permission ("the earlier BGP"), the earlier BGP may be regarded as approved for the purpose of discharging the biodiversity gain condition on this permission. It will be regarded as approved if the conditions attached (and so the permission granted) do not affect the post-development value of the onsite habitat, or any arrangements made to compensate irreplaceable habitat, as specified in the earlier BGP.

In the case of phased development, the BGP will be required to be submitted to and approved by the LPA before development can begin (the overall plan), and before each phase of development can begin (phase plans). The modifications in respect of the biodiversity gain condition in phased development are set out in Part 2 of the Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Modifications and Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. The council publishes its adopted policies online, along with detailed Camden Planning Guidance. It also provides advice on the website for submitting applications and offers a pre-application advice service.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>.

If you submit an appeal against this decision you are now eligible to use the new [submission form](#) (Before you start - Appeal a planning decision - GOV.UK).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is positioned above the printed name and title of the signatory.

Daniel Pope  
Chief Planning Officer