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Subject: Re: Comments on 2024/2628/P have been received by the council.
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> On 2 Dec 2024, at 22:44, planning@camden.gov.uk wrote:

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> I am writing to object very very strongly to the proposed change of use of 1 Cobham mews to a residential development .Since I received the letter about the proposed plans I have been very upset and deeply concerned. The building was designed in 1990 by one the most celebrated architects David Chipperfield and has featured in many archive architectural digests and features. It has also been part of 'Open House' where members of the public get to visit buildings of historical interest. I live directly in front of the building and can see many young architect students come to photograph the building and use it as reference for their studies. This building should also be enjoyed by our local community and celebrated, keeping the cobbled mews open for all to view the building as well as access for those with garages. Gated communities are never a good idea. It creates a 'them and us' atmosphere which is not welcome in this Camden Conservation area- 7 bedroom detached houses rub shoulders with 1 bedroom flats, cheek by jowl and thats how London is and should be, no buzzer gated communities please- it is not authentic to the area whatsoever. This area has many cobbled mews of distinction and interest such as Murray and Camden Mews- these are all left open for everyone to enjoy and are the lifeblood and character of this special part of Camden.

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> I look directly onto the building and my back garden is extremely close to the building- many of the houses back gardens next to me and on Stratford villas have walls from 1 Cobham Mews in their gardens. This building was designed and built using many of the gardens from Stratford Villas to give an idea of the close proximity. The current use is an office for landscape architects practice and it is extremely quiet, it is a haven for wildlife and is surrounded by at least 5 mature trees.

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> The development of this building and changing the interior space would be of deep concern to

its architectural integrity. I can see there are plans to add doors and windows to the building which would considerably change the aesthetic, the 20th Century society are also concerned and involved. A building like this should be preserved not altered to create expensive houses.

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> As well as the look of the building, the development itself would cause an immense amount of disturbance. This road has already seen the Agar Grove Estate built (much higher than the initial plans that our gardens are now in shade) we have had to endure JCB'S and huge trucks for months and months along Agar Grove causing the houses to shake, we now have the entire road shut and closed off for months while the new bridge is built. To endure yet more disturbance less than 2m from back garden is too much for the area. This quiet and secluded area at the back is a much needed break from the traffic at the front. The building is in a tiny Mews surrounded by trees under conservation, the logistics of this have not been thought through and I would not be happy for more building works to be undertaken in this small area directly disturbing the residents here who have and are already going through enough with noise and road disturbance. Currently we have motorbikes riding the pavements to get from Agar Grove to Murray Street, I think this little part of Camden has been through quite enough development already.

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> To conclude I would urge the planning department to take into consideration this building of beauty and interest and seek to liaise with the Camden Conservation officer and the 20th Century Society and take steps to list this building to preserve it for future generations.

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