

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2024/5468/P	Ken Macdonald	16/01/2025 18:18:57	COMMNT	<p>I strongly support the planning application incorporating lifts. The necessary safety remedial work at the back of Brookfield Mansions presents a once in a generation opportunity to create step free access to the building. At present, this four-storey residential block is wholly inaccessible to wheelchair users and other disabled people, and largely inaccessible to the elderly. In the past, many residents have had to sell up and leave when they have been unable any longer to manage the stairs. This is unacceptable in the twenty first century.</p> <p>Furthermore, many residents have friends and relatives who are unable to visit. At least one resident is presently effectively prisoner in a fourth floor flat, and when a member of my family broke her leg a few years ago, she spent a month shuffling up and down several flights of stairs on her bottom.</p> <p>I understand that making as many environments as possible across the borough fully accessible is, laudably, Camden Council policy. The essential remedial work that must now be done on our block means that Brookfield can at last be part of this important trend. This is a question of treating ALL people, whatever their age, health, or physical ability, equally and with dignity.</p>

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