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Sent: 21 April 2025 10:35
To: Planning
Cc: frankie; James Slater (Cllr)
Subject: Objection to application 2024/5549/P

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concern about planning application 2024/5549/P which relates to the development at Wiblin Mews.

As an inhabitant of Flat 1, 24 College Lane (the property immediately next to the planning application) I feel like my unease is particularly noteworthy.

On a personal level I am strongly worried that large-scale building works will noticeably disturb my peace at home, especially as my partner works for Richmond Council and does not work a traditional 9-5 so is likely to be at home resting while building works would be taking place. I also regularly and frequently work from home during the week, which requires a reasonable level of quiet.

But potentially more concerning to me, at least on a moral level, is the shift of these housing units from affordable housing to 'market rate' housing, which seems to be part of a worrying trend across London. It seems only right that people with important (and often underpaid) jobs in society (teachers, nurses, librarians, etc.) should be able to have housing options within their budget, and that home ownership should not only be left to the elite. I find it particularly uncomfortable that these affordable housing units were the only ones left incomplete, while the £1,000,000+ Wiblin Mews units were completed within budget.

I do not know many of the details of Wiblin Mews, but I would like to know if the affordable units were a requirement of the original planning permission. If they were, then I cannot see why this obligation should be allowed to be ignored.

So many cards are already stacked against first-time and lower-income buyers in London, are yet more out-of-reach flats really what the people of Camden need?

I look forward to hearing back from you and I hope you can help put my mind at ease.

Regards,
Dom Grant