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Dear John

Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum is concerned that the original planning application stipulating affordable housing has not been honoured for so many years.

To flip from affordable housing to market rent undermines Camden's affordable housing ambitions, at a time of housing crisis. The reasons given such as cost pressures, building regulation changes, and market fluctuations face all developers in London. If the conditions are so bad, why not wait for an improvement – so that affordable housing can be built.

Shortage of materials is cited, besides cost. The current government's building policies, including investing billions will lead to economies of scale, reduced costs and increased production.

We are also concerned that we have had representations that this developer is inconsiderate of the community – turning down use of meanwhile space, causing severe disruption during construction work and resistant to fully compensate residents for damage to their properties. Any resulting construction plan should be tightly regulated.

We also note residents' concerns over increased heights and overlooking issues.

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