Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee Primrose Hill

Application ref 2013/5221/P

Address 8 Berkley Road London NW1 8YR

Planning Officer Miheer Mehta

Comments by 24 September 2013

Proposal Retrospective change of use of part of ground floor from

office (B1a) to residential (C3) to be incorporated into remainder of property comprising residential dwelling.

Objection Yes

Observations ADVICE from Primrose Hill Conservation Area Advisory

Committee

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4 September 2013

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Strong objection to the loss of employment use.

The Committee has consistently taken the clear view that the mix of employment uses with residential is an essential element in the character and appearance of the conservation area. This is borne out by the local policy guidance in Primrose Hill conservation area statement, at PH2 which states âThe Council will seek to retain uses which form part of the established character of the conservation area.â

The larger part of this building was in mixed employment/residential use, and the ground floor was retained in employment use in 2007 (2007/4480/P) when we also objected to the loss of employment use and its damaging effect on the viability and vitality of the local economy, local shops and services.

The subsequent adoption of the LDF has strengthened the

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Councilâs policies in this respect: the recent regulations on Use Class J have, however, dangerously weakened the protection of employment uses in our area, reinforcing our concern to protect spaces such as this in employment use.

Richard Simpson FSA

Chair

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