

## EVANGELIST ROAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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**re: Linton House 39-51 Highgate Road, NW5 1RT**  
**Planning application: 2013/3494/P**

Dear Ben Le Mare

I am writing on behalf of Evangelist Road Residents' Association to object to the above application for an additional storey on the roof of Linton House to create residential units with roof terraces.

Linton House is already a tall building – the tallest in the neighbourhood - and it would be completely out of keeping to add a further storey for any purpose. At present there is an array of aerials, etc. which although not attractive, is not bulky. (Will these aerials then be on top of the new storey adding to the height?) The proposed development would be bulky and out of keeping with the existing neighbourhood rooflines. Indeed it would detract from the architectural integrity of the existing building. Additionally it will negatively affect the outlook and amenity of properties in the immediate neighbourhood, which would be overlooked, including properties at the southern end of the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area on Highgate Road.

Further, Linton House and the other buildings on that side of Highgate Road currently house many small businesses and provide an essential location for employment in the Kentish Town area. By adding a storey of a different use we feel that this could be used as a precedent for changing the use of the rest of the building in the future, as well as neighbouring buildings like Highgate Studios. Employment opportunities need to be maintained in the area.

Likewise it could create a precedent for the neighbouring buildings to add additional storeys themselves for similar purposes which would create a block of 'high rise' which is not in keeping with the area.

The potential council development at the neighbouring site in Greenwood Place will significantly add to the building density in the area and this should not be added to further by an additional storey on Linton House.

We urge to the council to reject this application in its entirety. Please notify us of any committee date.

Yours sincerely

Belinda Wakefield  
Secretary, Evangelist Road Residents Association