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To Whom It May Concern:

Following a conversation with the duty planning office on the 8th Feb 2010 I am writing a cover letter to explain the reasons for going ahead with the alterations before planning permission has been granted.

I own the leasehold on a 37a Bartholomew Road, London NW5 2AH. The freehold is owned by Camden Council and the Ward Housing Officer in charge of the building is Tara Cookson. I have been dealing with Ms Cookson and her team in relation to removing the old and rotten rear door and widening it to allow for the installation of a solid oak 8ft folding door.

Up until now Camden Council Ward Housing have given a blanket refusal on any external brick or window frame alterations. However since Feb 2010 their policy has changed and the committee agreed that work could take place.

During my talks with the Ward Housing team over the past three months I was never informed that I needed planning permission for the installation of a new rear door. I was led to believe that once I got the green light from them I could proceed with the works. With this in mind my builder is booked in to start work commencing 15th Feb 2010.

It was only on 6/2/10 that the ward housing team and building control made me aware that planning was needed. This came as very unfortunate news as I am currently in rented accommodation and have only budgeted enough to rent until the end of Feb 2010 as I was expecting to move back in at the end of that month. The flat is currently uninhabitable at the moment as the ceilings are down until the doors are installed.

I hope that you can see that this leaves me no other option but to proceed with the works as I can not afford to pay rent and wait for the planning application to be processed. The duty planning officer I spoke to said that although he can't condone the works, the actual job is relatively minor and that it should be granted planning permission. All the neighbours were informed about the work and were happy for me to proceed.

I hope that you have all the information you need to proceed with the planning application and apologies that the work will have been completed by the time you read this letter.

Kind Regards



Dan Hubert