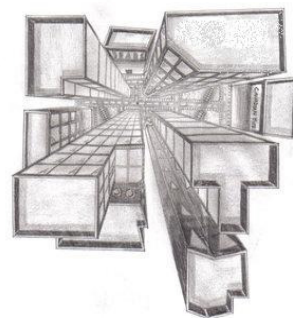


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Dear Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
AMENDMENT TO PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ONE 3-BED AND TWO 2-BED APARTMENTS
BUILT ON THE ROOF OF THE EXISTING MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT
SITE AT 55 HOLMES ROAD, LONDON, NW5 3AN

I write with reference to your 'invalidation' letter dated 25th February 2010.

Though I do not concede that these files need be provided, given that everything requested is already held by the LPA within the file that was clearly identified in the application materials, please find attached to this email all the drawings requested, as follows:

Drawing No	Title	Scale
400	Lower Penthouse (fourth floor) Plan	1:100@A3
401	Upper Penthouse (fifth floor) Plan	1:100@A3
402	Roof Plan	1:100@A3
454	Approved Section BB	1:100@A3
A(GA)P403	Approved West Elevation	1:100@A3

For your information, they accessible from your own website, and therefore would have been available to Officers or third parties should they have felt the need to consult the plans during the determination of the planning application (notwithstanding the Addendum document which goes to lengths to identify the differences between the two schemes, and which has already been provided to all residents of the block as

well as Officers of the LPA and Ward Members). Perhaps this is why the SOS provided the guidance contained in paragraph 12 of Circular 02/2008 to save the waste of time and resources, particularly those expended by myself in attempting to get an Officer to take ownership of this matter.

The inability of Officers to work within the nationally acceptable timeframes identified in Circular 02/2008 has a prejudicial impact on my Client's ability to develop his site. They could reasonably expect that planning permission would have been granted by now, given that the application was submitted **10 weeks ago** and the minor nature of the change to the scheme allowed at appeal. The incompetence and lack of accountability demonstrated by Officers during this process cannot be considered acceptable and it hoped that the pursuit of this matter by way of a formal complaint will finally force the managers of the department to remove their head from the sand, and stop relying upon the same excuses I was hearing 12 months ago for similar (though not as extensive) delays.

My personal angst is of course magnified by the fact that messages left for Mr Hawkes and Ms Redfern from two weeks ago (and repeated to four separate officers since) have not yielded even the courtesy of a response, let alone the direction that this matter be resolved expeditiously. I have therefore copied this letter to Ed Watson, as Assistant Director responsible for the team and Cllr Scott, as a Ward Member and who has an identified interest in the site. I look forward to hearing from the Department as to what extraordinary circumstances justify the **70 day** delay in considering the validity of the application.

On a related matter the Council's proposed description is incorrect and I would like it amended to reflect the following:

- The stairwell is proposed at both fourth and fifth floor level and therefore the description of enlargement needs to reflect this
- That the built form proposed is to be used as a stairwell

I trust that the enclosures will now allow the validation of the application and a swift and expeditious determination.

Yours Faithfully

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