

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT FLAT 7, 16 THURLOW rd NW3 5PL

a.DESIGN was copied from railings clearly seen on a house in Flask Walk. They have "bobbles" on top to prevent any one trying to sit on or climb over, they are spaced to prevent access between bars. They are only visible from one view point which requires craning of the neck.

Positioned for secure fixing to the parapet to avoid piercing the roof covering.

By decreasing size of railed in space will reduce ammount of safe refuge should there be a major fire or a sizeable emergency crew should require access (As happened at 4.am on the 2nd Jan 2009).

The main water tank is also on the roof and requires regular visits and maintenance. Access to the next building roof space is through a gate should it be required.

b.CONTEXT, across the road other roof terraces are enclosed with scaffolding poles, corrugated plastic or heavy white ugly railings. No one seems to have objected to these.

This exit was incorporated in the original conversion of the building which we think was in the mid 1980's. It is via a fixed carpeted stairway. We are purely concerned with safety and have no intention of using the space as a roof terrace as we have no idea of it's strength.

* My original reason for erecting railings without applying for permission was because I was told verbally by Camden that I was unlikely to get it, BUT that I would be LIABLE (I have since confirmed this with a lawyer) should someone fall off. To prevent someone falling off I was also told that I should keep same access locked even when I pointed that is a potential fire exit. Rather a Catch 22 situation that I was not prepared to risk. Maybe the objectors could be presented with these facts.

Thank you for your consideration. Anna Toppin