

16 Thurlow Road
London NW3 5PL

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The Head Of Planning Control
Camden Council

Dear Sir

16 THURLOW ROAD NW3 5PL - REPLACEMENT OF ROOFTOP SAFETY RAILINGS

When we purchased the top floor flat – Flat 7 – at 16 Thurlow Road NW3 5PL, we were very concerned to note that the required safety railings were no longer extant along the perimeter edges of the flat roof on the top of the building. This roof is accessed via the stairs and door within the demise of the flat. It is necessary for various persons and contractors etc to gain access to the flat roof for a variety of reasons – the water tank for many of the flats is situated on it; the flat roof needs to be maintained; the chimney stacks above the flat roof need to be maintained; the flat roof is a vital emergency egress in the event of fire etc.

We are liable if anybody has an accident falling off the roof with no protection.

We observed that all of the properties in the neighbourhood with flat roofs at the top have protective fencing. Mainly this consists of black metal railings fixed along the perimeter edges of the flat roof. We have copied this in discharging our public liability. These are similar types of period properties. In some cases, the railings have been erected fairly recently. Please kindly inspect by way of examples:

Thurlow Road – numbers 3, 20, 25
Rosslyn Hill – number 54
Fitzjohns Avenue – numbers 60, 71, 81, 89, 91, 104, 108, 110, 112
Prince Arthur Road – numbers 9, 16
Heath Street – numbers 3A Express Buildings, 9, 50, 75
Hampstead High Street – numbers 32, 73-75
Hampstead Grove - Heath Mansions
Eldon Grove - numbers 8 & 9
Wells Court – Oriel Place
Perrins Court – number 74A
Ellerdale Road – numbers 1, 12, 14, 24
Netherhall Gardens – numbers 5, 61
Eldon Grove – numbers 8 & 9
Well Walk – number 63
Gayton Road – nos 28, 29, 34
Gayton Crescent – numbers 17, 18 – 22, 23
Willoughby Road – numbers 18, 21, 25, 26, 33
Hampstead Square – number 4

Yours sincerely

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