

Flat 13, 46 Hillier House
London NW1 9XA
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Camden Council
Development Control
Planning Services
Application Ref. 2007/3031/Invalid

Dear Sir,

In 1992 I moved into the property 76B Gaisford Street NW5 2EH.

I was worried about access out of the building in the case of fire, as at the time there were a lot of fatal fires in the street because of faulty wiring in the houses. So I rang the fire department and they said, the best way out would be to go out onto the flat roof above the bathroom through the landing window, and to get into the next door house, if there was a fire in the stairway, as we could not reach the roof hatch, which other people in the street managed to do.

Because the flat roof was so high off the ground, I made a surround out of wood, and myself and my daughter and friends used that as a balcony in the summer.

In 2005 (sorry I got the date wrong, I am dyslexic) a builder friend said it was weathered and somewhat unsafe, and he would replace it and create a hanging floor off the tar seal roof, as that was more proper. As my daughter paid for the materials I don't have the receipts of all of it, only one, for a piece of drainpipe as we changed that so it did not interfere with the balcony handrail. When I found this bill I realised I had got the date of this rebuilding wrong.

In 2007 I sold the flat.

The new owner has covered up the spindles, unlike the photographs, to afford privacy to the gardens below. There are not many balconies on flat roofs on that side of Gaisford Street, as the stack comes out of the middle of the flat roof, but there are quite a few built on the flat roofs on the other side of the road.

No person has made any comment ever about the balcony being a problem to them, and the replacement balcony is of the same materials and size as the previous balcony, and I have signed an oath as to this for the new owner's solicitor.

Yours sincerely


Alyson Jane Atthill Hunter.