Dear John

48 Parkhill Road/NW3 2YP Reference 2014/2236/P

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We corresponded in February about the noise nuisance caused by the unlicensed business premises in Flat 2 of the above address. You have also consulted Ms. M. Delaplagne who is my tenant in Flat 1. I am currently abroad doing research. On 28 March you wrote to Parkhill Architects requesting them to seek commercial premises outside.

I have now received a letter from Messrs. Green and Nasser. They are requesting a 'temporary change of use' for up to 15 months to find a more appropriate space for their offices. Camden Council is seeking the opinion of neighbours. I am interpreting the request from David Green and Shahriar Nasser as permission to remain in the flat until, at the latest, June 2015.

I have written to the Council as instructed. These comments supplement what was entered into the website. In order to avoid a neighbour dispute, I am requesting you to regard this letter as personal and confidential. It is not intended for dissemination at the hearing.

I am not very sympathetic to their position. They have disturbed the peace and quiet of a residential property and have, I understand, violated the laws and bylaws of the Council. My preference, and possibly of Ms. Delaplagne, is that they should move out without delay. I am not entirely clear about the need for 15 months or even 12 months. There are many suitable properties on the market. A stay of 6-8 months (half of 12-15 months) might be more than adequate.

They have behaved in a manner that is inconsiderate and possibly illegal. While I note your concerns about being fair to all parties, and also your preference to foreclose the option of an appeal, the period they are requesting seems very long. Perhaps you could feed into the consultation process my serious reservations. Having said that, their irrevocable decision to vacate must be welcomed. It must also be enforced.

Much depends on the agreement Ms. Delaplagne has made with David Green: reduced noise levels in office hours, less noise in the stairwell, no noise at all in the evening/at the weekend. The promise was made that Ms. Delaplagne would not be excessively disturbed.

I am copying this to Ms. Delaplagne. She will make her own representations to you if she wishes.

Yours sincerely

David Reisman

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