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To the Members of the Camden Planning Authority

Objection to Planning Application 2014/1621/P

I am a resident of Brownlow Mews and I wish to object to the above application.

My concerns are twofold:-

The existing operations of the courier company have led to an increasing number of large vans accessing the Mews every weekday to collect parcels.

-This is part of the regular operations of the business as the same branded courier vans appear frequently.

-These vans have to reverse from the Roger Street entrance all the way up the Mews to the other end (or back) as there is insufficient space for them to turn and the Mews is closed off at the Guilford Street entrance.

-A figure of 400 vehicles every 5 weekdays has been estimated by the company themselves which (even if this figure is correct) is 80 vehicles in a small Mews per day for one occupant. Apart from requiring the vehicles to reverse, the narrow dimensions of the Mews already result in vans having to stack-park further and further up the Mews, awaiting access to the existing door of the courier company. This has already resulted in increasing noise and pollution in the confined space of the Mews plus more hazards for pedestrians. This is not to mention making access for other property owners more difficult.

- My understanding of the real objective of the application is that it will result in more capacity for the company which will inevitably necessitate more and/ or larger vehicles accessing the Mews.

-In my view the Mews has reached its capacity to accommodate such activity.

The second, critically important, issue is the hours of operation. At present the courier business is not permitted to operate during the night or at the weekend. This is an extremely important condition which allows the domestic residents of the Mews (who include children and working people) to sleep. On occasion there have been late deliveries or collections during the night which immediately wakes the residents. The narrow width of the Mews amplifies noise of vehicles (including reversing beepers on vans and lorries), human conversation and the loading of packages in and out of vehicles which, even with closed windows, is clearly audible. Any failure to restrict the courier companies activities to weekdays and daytime will severely damage the amenity of the other residents.

I recognise the obligation for the Planning Authorities to balance the needs of the various owners and residents of the Mews. I believe that the current intensity of operation of the courier company, both as to capacity for storing packages and hours of operation, is already adversely affecting the amenity of the other residents. The changes requested in this

application will exacerbate the situation significantly, despite any assurances to the contrary, and should be refused.

I also note that this is the latest in a series of periodic applications from this company which appear, on close inspection, to have as their objective the expansion of what is already a very substantial business which has reached its maximum suitable capacity for its current location. I hope that the Planning Authorities will not be worn down by these repeated applications and that you will continue (as you have done so far) to protect the interests and remaining amenity of the majority of other residents of Brownlow Mews by refusing this application.

Yours faithfully,

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PS Could you please acknowledge receipt? Thank You.