


The proposed work is referred to as a "variation" of condition 4, and as an (unexplained and unjustified) "change of use". In effect and, probably, in intention these changes are blatant violations of the original approval in both their nature and scale, and entail revoking everything that justified that original approval.

The tallest building on Swains Lane, which already towers over the three-storey buildings along the north side of Swains Lane, is to be made even taller. And whereas the mock-tudor shops-with-flats-over blend with the immediate neighbourhood, the post-WWII brutalist building which blends with nothing is to be made even more unavoidably conspicuous.

A commercial property is being transformed stage by stage into a luxury residential property which will blight the neighbourhood and ride roughshod over council guidelines, all to maximise the developers' profits. The "seedum roof" and "ancillary restaurant accommodation" are redundant: they have played their part and won council planning approval, and so now can be cynically dropped. But on what contrived grounds are these changes now being proposed? The restaurant played its part in justifying the application for ancillary accommodation: suddenly staff are no longer need to live over the restaurant. How will it manage? Presumably the restaurant itself can now be closed - perhaps on the ground that it cannot get staff - and some new profit-maximising scheme will be cooked up for the ground floor.

I strongly urge Camden to resist this cynical salami-slicing project, and make the applicants stick to doing only what has been approved. In comparison with this scheme, the Listowel proposals for the north side of Swains Lane are exemplary - the purest architectural integrity and most sensitive social responsibility. However, I expect Camden will be supine and allow this rape of our neighbourhood. Shame on you!

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PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS

Year: 2014

Number: 1397

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Planning application address: Carob tree, 15 Highgate road

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Your comments on the planning application: I would like to object to this 3rd or 4th planning application for this building, once a pub, currently a restaurant with staff accommodation and soon to be a luxury flats development which was probably the original intention of the owners.

The revised plans show an enlarged building, over development of the site in terms of height, and structure of the planned development which are unsympathetic to the local area. This further development will worsen the already problematic parking and traffic. The change of a sedum roof to a roof holding a water tank is incredible! I suspect the sedum roof was viewed sympathetically in the last application, this can now be dispensed with as it has proved its usefulness. All in all the planned building is extraordinary in terms of its size, design and over development of the site. Please reject it.

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