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Regards

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Subject: **Planning applications 2013/8301/P and 8302/P**

Dear sir

187b Kentish Town Road

I have been out of town and missed the opportunity to comment within time on the above application, however I feel obliged to draw your attention to the following comments, even at this late date.

In both options, The proposals stack a visually top heavy and incongruous series of volumes set back to a new building line above the existing parapet with no positive contribution to either the streetscape or the original building.

There is only one example of this type of set-back roof top extension in the vicinity - above No 271 Kentish Town Road.

All others vertical extensions either extend the perimeter wall with or without a separating cornice, or are contained within a mansard roof exactly as exists in the Prince of Wales Road section of the building complex.

I urge you to visit the site and familiarise yourself with the surrounding architecture in our main street. The existing flat roofed corner section of the building to which this application applies, is not an unconsidered feature of the original whole.

Aerial photographs of Kentish Town are available on line and clearly show the setting and the importance of the roofscape of this major complex

There are other concerns over the retention of details in the considerable patching and stretching of existing openings in the elevations in this rather fine building, which I trust will be safeguarded in your own considerations.

As the nature of the proposals are out of character with the adjacent Kentish Town Road frontages, the current proposals for this key location should be rejected.

