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To: Martin, Carlos
Cc: Planning
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Dear Mr Martin:

Further to our recent correspondence and brief telecon, I have set out below my objections relating to the above Planning Applications for a major programme of proposed works in Flat 23 Tamar House. I rang your office yesterday and, as you were away, spoke to your colleague, Sam Watts, who confirmed that the consultation period was still open. I am forwarding my objections for your consideration when you return from holiday next week.

I should point out that I live in Flat 26 Tamar House and I am the applicant's closest neighbour on the top (5th) floor of Tamar House.

I object to the applications for the following reasons:

- 1) Loss of light: I am very concerned that the proposed additional storey over the adjacent flat will result in a loss of daylight. I have a skylight in my hall ceiling which is the only source of direct natural light. I am assuming that scaffolding will be needed during the proposed building works which will further reduce the light in my flat.
- 2) External materials: I am extremely concerned that the proposed works on the roof might cause further deterioration or damage to the overall condition of the roof which was not designed or built to support the additional storey proposed by the applicant.
- 3) Loss of privacy: I am concerned that I may be overlooked from the additional storey when sitting on my terrace.
- 4) Noise nuisance: I am very concerned that the combined effect of the proposed works outlined in the two planning applications will be many months of disruption and major noise nuisance coming from building work taking place immediately above, below and to the side of my apartment.
- 5) Access for elderly and infirm residents: I am very concerned that the only lift in the building, which is a small passenger lift that serves 26 flats and already suffers from intermittent break-downs due to its age, will be used to transport heavy building materials and equipment to flat 23 (for the proposed internal works) and to the roof (for the proposed additional storey). The added strain on the lift is likely to cause even more frequent break-downs leading to additional repair costs and the risk of more frequent periods when the lift is out of order. Residents who are elderly, infirm or unfit will be faced with no option but to struggle with the stairs to access their homes whilst waiting for semi-obsolete parts that are difficult to source due to the lift's age to be tracked down.
- 6) External appearance: Tamar House is a listed building and the proposed external works, including the glazed extension at the rear and the additional storey, are not in keeping with the existing façade or the layout and design of the rest of the building.
- 7) External appearance: I gather that previous occupants of 4 Tavistock Place (which is located immediately adjacent to Flat 23), were denied permission by Camden to locate a small air conditioning plant on the roof of their property. I am unclear if this was primarily due to planning objections or listed building concerns but I feel that similar considerations should apply in this case.

Thank you for taking my objections into account when considering your recommendations in respect of the two planning applications that have been submitted for Flat 23 Tamar House (Refs: 2014/4709/P and 2014/4708/P). If you need to clarify any of the above concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please could you note that my preferred method of contact is via email.

Yours sincerely,

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