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To whom it may concern.

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Having worked constructively in the past with Camden Council's Conservation and Urban Design Team, and English Heritage, with respect to our own property on Woburn Walk, we are writing to comment on the above application proposal.

The submitted Design and Access Statement repeatedly refers to Woburn Walk as a "Victorian" pedestrian street. Woburn Walk is in fact an important example of Georgian architecture and London's first purpose-built pedestrianized shopping street. It is also of additional historic interest as home to the Irish poet William Butler Yates.

The submitted application proposes the development of horizontal living accommodation across 1-7 Woburn Walk. The Walk was originally built as vertical maisonettes on both the north and south sides. The plan envisages the removal of historic internal dividing walls separating adjacent properties (5 and 7 Woburn Walk). The application also proposes cutting into the original proportions of multiple rooms across the respective properties. Our understanding from our previous and personal communications with Camden Council, is that this would contravene the Council's stance with respect to the development of what is a terrace of Grade II\* listed buildings of both historic and architectural importance.

Another concern would be a significant increase in noise pollution with respect to our own property having effectively three adjacent properties, one on each level, next to our own dividing party wall. A further consideration would be potential damage to our own property resulting from the proposed works that includes the removal of historic dividing walls.

We thereby object to the above application with respect to the above reasons and have also submitted this separately online.

Kind regards

Richard Andrews and Jasmin Singh