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Dear Mr. Tulloch,

Planning Application 2014/5054/P, 1-3 College Yard, Kentish Town



We are writing in response to your request for comments about the above Planning Application. As you will be aware, previous applications have met consistently with strong opposition from the local community, and we were pleased that the Council refused permission for all the previous applications.

The current application is very different, in our opinion. On this occasion, the owner and his architectural and planning team have involved the local community in a prolonged and careful consultation in which they have listened to our concerns, involved us and adapted their plans in response to discussion. In the case of our property (64 Highgate Road), for example, they have assured us that overlooking will be prevented with the use of frosted glass and limited opening for all the windows that face our house, and that transmission of noise will be reduced by various means, including a suitable wall round the proposed roof terrace (which incidentally we presume will be a positive safety aspect for the occupants of the new building as well as preventing overlooking of our property). The solar panels on the aspect facing Highgate Road will be encased so that unsightly wiring will not be visible.

We have consistently stated, during all the previous consultations, that we would not object to planning permission if consultation with local residents produced an acceptable compromise between the need to develop the space and our valid concerns about the resulting environmental changes. It seems to us that this requirement has been met, and that the long-term benefits, of a well-designed set of attractive houses that fit the environment and ultimately will enhance its appearance, outweigh the inevitable disruption and noise of the building period, where our property is concerned.

Given the process and situation described above, we are happy to support the current application for Planning Permission.

Yours sincerely,

 
Ann Parker and Bryan Martin (owner and residents of 64 Highgate Road).