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For the attention of Rachel Miller
Camden Planning Department

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Camden Planning Application 2014/4029/P

We, the occupants and owners of the second and third floor flats at Nr.25 Tanza Road, are asking Camden Council to reject permission for the unsightly timber structure which the new owners of Nr. 27 Tanza Road have recently erected alongside the wall separating the rear gardens of Nr. 27 and 25.

We find this coarse timber construction with its additional 20 wooden struts overtopping the garden wall of Nr. 25 by at least one metre visually objectionable and inappropriate for a garden backing onto the Heath or indeed any garden in this area.

As justification for what we regard as an eyesore, Martin Sumner, Chartered Surveyor writing on behalf of the owners of 27, states that this structure "was installed following Police Crime Prevention advice reiterated in the 'Times'....to erect trellis to protect rear boundaries so that intruders' struggle to climb them without making enough noise to raise the alarm".

With regard to this argument we'd like to raise a couple of points. In the first place this structure has not been built along the rear or Heath boundary of Nr.27 but alongside the brick wall separating the gardens of Nrs. 25 and 27 - giving rise to the notion that Nr. 27 could be in danger of intruders coming over from Nr. 25, an imputation that strikes us - long-time and peaceable inhabitants of this building - as, to say the least, bizarre.

Moreover, the owners of Nr. 27 liken this coarse timber fence to a 'trellis'. According to any definition, a trellis is a structure of cross-barred or lattice work, a far cry from the solid structure we now look down upon. Unlike the traditional attractive trellises erected along the back -i.e. Heath - walls of a number of gardens in Tanza Road and Parliament Hill which are potentially effective deterrents as they are likely to collapse under the weight of any would-be burglar - the solid timber fence raised by the owners of Nr. 27 would provide potential burglars - emanating from our property - with an excellent foothold to invade Nr.27. The owners' offer to reduce this 'fence' by 333mm. would not answer any of our objections.

We would gladly invite any member of the Council to take a look from our balcony at this ugly and inappropriate structure - out of place in an area whose traditional appearance and character the Council takes such care to protect.

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