

With regards to

Application Number 2013/3487/P
Site Address 142-150 Arlington Road London NW1 7HP
Application Type Full Planning Permission
Development Type New Residential Development

Proposal

Extensions and alterations to existing building to provide 21 residential dwellings (16 private tenure and 5 affordable housing units) including change of use from use from Class D2 (assembly and leisure) to C3 (residential), following partial demolition and remodelling of the rear elevation, erection of part three, part four storey rear extension, roof extension above existing roof levels, installation of windows openings to the Underhill Street façade and creation of private amenity space at basement level to Stanmore Place with balconies and roof terraces to the upper floors.

My comments

I object to the planning proposal for several reasons.

Firstly, once again it would mean loss of leisure facilities and space which are completely devoid in Camden. Compared to other areas we have minimal facilities for leisure and sports activities. Removing this space and converting it into more flats is an utter shame and clearly shows the priorities of making more money on overpriced flats. There are numerous developments in the area where communal space has been lost to developers for property. (E.g. Parkway/Delancey junctions, the very sad loss of the Crown and Goose public house etc...). How can you encourage the youth of the area to stay away from crime and obesity when you remove the facilities they have to do sport. For this reason I feel it is a total shame and disgrace should this planning application be granted.

Secondly.. should it go ahead the council will make no further parking bays for residents available. We have very limited spaces on Arlington Road/Delancey/Albert street area. We only have resident protection on these bays until 1730 when anyone can park in them. Add 22 more houses and there will be nowhere for anyone to park.

Should this application be granted it shows what the priorities of the council are and that is clearly not is residents. It is financial gain.

The amount of noise it will bring to the street and disruption to traffic along the road cannot be underestimated as seen when Thames Water closed sections of the road for 6 months. There will be loss of privacy to residents in adjacent housing many of whom purchased or chose to live in their homes due to the lack of residential property in view of them.