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**Sent:** 10 May 2013 15:18  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** re. 2013/1835/P from leaseholder A. SUFIT re. barrington windows

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Dear sir / madam, re.  
 re. planning application 2013/1835/P

with my husband, John Steele, I own a flat at [REDACTED]  
 which is currently let to tenants.

I was disturbed to receive an email from a fellow resident leaseholder at Barrington Court which I have pasted below.

**I would add that I have not received a letter dated 19th April regarding these windows and / or proposed new works. Please send any such letter to my correspondence address:** [REDACTED]

In the email pasted below, my fellow leaseholder outlines the unsuitability and poor quality of the proposed new window type. I wish to make a strong objection regarding the installation of this type of window. I shall also endeavour to view the sample window personally at Becton Tower.

It will be a terrible waste of leaseholders' and Camden Council's money and time to install poor quality windows, not least because a vast part of the expense will be for scaffolding and labour.

I am also alarmed to learn about how much that is the responsibility of Camden Council, as cited in the leases, is delegated and passed on to other companies and services, *each time adding to costs*. I have learnt that the site management has been delegated, plus the contractor (Apollo?) is also going to delegate the job for installing windows. It would seem that this passing on of responsibility also entails cheapness of both services and product, which may well amount to extremely poor practise, none of which appears to be properly overseen.

I look forward to your reply,  
 yours sincerely,

Alicia Sufit  
 pasted email below . . . .

<<Today, Galatea and I along with several TRA committee members went to Bacton Tower to look at a sample window that Camden are proposing to fit to our flats in Barrington Court. We all quickly came to the conclusion that this new window would be a very bad idea for us. I collected everyone's thoughts on the matter:

- The windows could not be left open a small amount for ventilation - very important for some flats with ongoing damp problems
- The passive vent that was present was small and is likely to clog easily
- The window opening mechanism failed as we examined it. You can see this from the attached picture where you will see the window is leaning out from only one hinge. This could be quite dangerous in some situations.
- The window felt cheap and flimsy. It was not a well-made aluminium frame with a powder coating,

as promised

- The window was quite ugly - in my opinion it would not fit in with the design of the block
- To open the window you have to turn a key and use the handle simultaneously which will be problematic for some people. It felt very awkward to use.
- The window felt flimsy and was of poor construction. They really don't look like they will last 10-15 years.
- The windows did not feature safety buttons that allow you to chose how wide the window can be opened

A neighbour of mine has a relative in Bacton Tower where they already have these windows. They are not popular there because they often do not close fully, leaving a gap. Running repairs to the windows often do not last a month because the mechanism that is used to open and close the window is of poor design and construction. He told me that the repair men acknowledge that this design of window is very poor. Here is a photo of the demo window, you can see how it is only hinged at the very bottom - a problem that occurred after approximately 5 minutes of using it:



You might want to go to Bacton Tower and have a look yourself. If you do, please contact Dorian (TRA chair) or I can ask him if this is possible on your behalf.>>