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Dear Camden Council Planning Department

I am [REDACTED] Lambie Street and chair of the RTA for the Barrington Court tower block.

I wish to comment on the proposed works for Barrington Court by firstly endorsing all the comments emailed to you today and yesterday by Dorian Courtesi, our TRA Chair. I am active in the TRA myself and viewed the demonstration of the model of the window proposed for the block at the weekend (very much at the last minute) and find the proposed windows unacceptable both personally and in my role as TRA Chair, for which I see one of my main purposes as ensuring Leaseholders get good value for money in any project that we are asked to contribute towards.

Here again are the points I made to Dorian concerning the design, construction and suitability of the proposed replacement window, which you will have received in his email of yesterday:

- * has Poor ventilation
- * is broken: does not close properly
- * Is Not powdered alu as promised by Kuldip Bharna
- * Features a Locking Mechanism that is flimsy, breaks repeatedly and leads to draughts and wind noise
- * requires Turning the key and using handle simultaneously to open which will be problematic for some people.
- * Has a design not in keeping with the rest of the building


Additionally, no demonstration model of replacement doors has been shown to us, something we should reasonably expect.

Furthermore I wish to point out that no written invitation has as yet been received by Leaseholders from Kuldip Bharna or Camden Leaseholder Services to the proposed Leaseholder consultation meeting. I myself have been advised of this meeting, however the Barrington Court RTA Chair does not represent all Leaseholders. Additionally, I do not see my role as to include informing my fellow Leaseholders about this forthcoming consultation meeting as I believe this responsibility lies with the relevant Camden Council departments, who would be best placed to advise attendees as to the Agenda of the meeting and other relevant matters. Earlier this year I proposed dates for the Leaseholders Consultation meeting, but was told that arranging this would all be handled by Leaseholder Services. It is reasonable to expect written notice of at least 2 weeks before a Leaseholders Consultation however this has not been provided, despite my best efforts.

My overall experience so far of this much-needed project has been very negative and I feel that the views of Leaseholders and Tenants has not been gathered properly or

taken into account. As a Leaseholder I am happy to see improvements when proper consultation has occurred, and the views of tenants and residents has been taken into account. I hope that it is clear that I am very unhappy both with the lack of communication from the relevant parties in Camden Council and the way the proposed design of windows has crept into the project, a design that is not at all acceptable. I hope that we can turn this bad situation around quickly so that the windows originally described will be back in scope and that Leaseholders and Tenants will be consulted properly as part of the project process.

Regards

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Chair, Barrington Court RTA