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Town Hall, Judd Street
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Dear Mr. Tulloch,

Re Planning Application for 1-8 College Yard, NW5 Application number 2014/5054/P

I am writing to support this Planning Application, for the following reasons:

1. Although previous applications proposed extending the new building well into College Yard, very close to my premises and obstructing the outlook with significant loss of light, the current proposal (while still extending into the yard) is set back somewhat from my premises, reducing the impact of loss of light.
2. The current owner has modified his own plans in response to local concerns, such that, for example, a previously proposed, unattractive projection of a screened-off window has been removed, and certain of the houses which face the back view of Highgate Road dwellings have been designed with obscured windows (frosted glass) to prevent immediate, direct overlooking, to preserve current privacy and prevent intrusion. Considering that there are currently no windows existing (since there is a blank wall) this is a favourable option.
3. In consultation with the local community, including concerned owners of properties in Highgate Road and College Yard, the Planning Applicant has agreed further modifications of the initial proposed plans. These modifications include alterations to the presentation of solar panels to prevent an unsightly view of the roof as seen from their current patios and windows.
4. It seems to me that the part of College Lane concerned will be improved by the proposed new frontage, with enhanced security provided by the presence of habitable dwellings rather than the current blank walls and empty unused building. The owner has taken trouble to break up the potentially reverberant surfaces with attractive indentations in the frontage of the houses, which will also enhance the appearance of the walkway as a continuation of the other parts of College Lane.

5. I am particularly pleased to note that the applicant has taken steps to ensure that my neighbour in College Yard, Mr, Clarke, will not lose his livelihood (as he would have done with the previous applications, rejected by Camden Council) through thoughtful modification of plans so that access and manoeuvrability are preserved.

In a long process of several previous planning applications, which have all been opposed by the local community and rejected by Camden Council, this is the first time that a proposer has both consulted with the local residents and involved them in fair discussions, listening and taking on board our concerns, issues and suggestions. The owner and his team have made every effort to keep communication with us all, on a continual basis.

Therefore, my feeling is that local residents (certainly including myself) have reason to trust the new applicant, and to feel that his careful consultation process will be followed up, in the inevitably difficult period of demolition and construction, by continued consideration of our local needs. This will necessitate inclusion of plans to protect and preserve our current buildings' structures and boundaries while the building works are being carried out.

To summarise, the Planner has made considerable efforts to involve and consult myself and my neighbours, and I am happy to support the current application.

Yours sincerely,

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Suzanne Tugwell