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re: The Assembly House NW5 2TG
 Planning application ref: 2014/3365/P

Dear Mandeep Chagger

I live very close to the Assembly House and have suffered in the past from noise emanating from the pub. I have looked at the application and I am in favour in principle of the use of the upper floors for accommodation. My problem is with some of the details, or lack of them, in the application.

I am very concerned that The Assembly Management is breaking the terms of the licence. We know that this is not a planning matter but here is a condition on the licence that states: "28. The Licence holder is to hold quarterly meetings with local residents". There have been no meetings since November 2013. Under the terms of the licence at least 2 meetings have been missed out. We would have expected a meeting to be called to inform us about this very important application. We have never met the new management and fear that this lack of local consultation is a very bad omen for the future. We are asking that this be brought to the attention of the management.

The applicant has specified that C1 accommodation will not be part of the development and that no partial demolition will be involved. Both these statements are untrue. I am asking Camden officers to request withdrawal of the application and that it be resubmitted correctly filled in. In addition, change of use has not been applied for. Change of use from A4 to C1 requires permission. Please clarify this matter and ensure that change of use is applied for.

1. I fear we will be affected by noise from the air conditioning units on the flat roof at the back, on the first floor. As these units will serve the 7 new bedrooms, the air conditioning will be going all night and the potential for noise nuisance to neighbours will be serious. I am asking Camden officers to request more details about noise prevention from the air conditioning units.

2. I am asking Camden officers to request details about the positioning of the extract vents for the new en suite bathrooms. There are no details about this on the plans and I want to be assured that there will be no extract vents drilled through the front façades. The extract vents should be collected up and exit on rear façades or roof slope (in tile vents etc). These never seem to get shown on Planning drawings, and always just get slammed in by the contractor wherever he fancies later on.

3. I am very concerned about the materials and design specified for the new lift and the open steel staircase. The materials for both are cheap and badly designed. Rather than making a good design statement, the proposed lift and staircase will ruin the look of the back of the building. I am asking that the planning officer asks the applicant to go back to the drawing board and produce improved designs for the lift and the staircase, using better materials.

To sum up – I do not oppose accommodation use for the upper floors but:

- a. Change of use must be applied for and the application must be filled in correctly.
- b. Noise from air conditioning units needs to be addressed.
- c. More information is needed about positioning of extract vents.
- d. Materials and design of the lift and the steel staircase must be improved.

Yours Sincerely

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KENTISH TOWN ROAD ACTION

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Dear Mandeep Chaggar

Kentish Town Road Action is in favour in principle of the use of the upper floors for accommodation. However we have some concerns about some details of the application:

1. The applicant has specified that C1 accommodation will not be part of the development and that no partial demolition will be involved. Both these statements are untrue. We are asking Camden officers to request withdrawal of the application and that it be resubmitted correctly filled in.
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