

I would like to object to this planning application. I believe that the request to make minor material changes to amount to a full blown office to residential development.

We already have a number of offices hiking up rent in order to cash-in by converting into residential. The last time I checked Zoopla, a property in John's Mews would go for circa £4-6m.

As far as the basement excavations are concerned this application should not be considered in isolation under delegated powers, unless it is to reject them. As it stands, the application in respect of 13 -15 John's Mews should be rejected outright as it does not even come close to providing the level of detail, site specific data or consideration of impact on neighbouring properties that are needed for Camden's requirements for basement developments.

Given the number of dizzying applications that have come in on this site alone, they should all be considered either together at the same time or individually as the case may be, by the same committee so that they can be subjected to an informed and coherent scrutiny. Whatever happens, there should not be piecemeal consideration on an application by application basis, given the historical nature of the built environment, the hydrology of the area and the commercial pressure on rapacious builders and developers to achieve ever larger returns on tiny sites in sensitive areas where the motivation is to profit and move on. It would be perverse for individual planning officers to consider these applications in isolation to the wider picture, both now and in the future.

This application, in all its different forms, should be rejected.

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