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Dear Jennifer Walsh

Planning application 2014/5900/P

Thank you for your letter of 18th September 2014 inviting me, as a local resident, to comment on the planning application for this important site, The Castle, 147 Kentish Town Road, London NW1 8PB.

I wish to object most strongly to the proposal.

Having previously largely demolished this locally listed building and failed in their appeals, Ringleys estate agents are required to reinstate what they have destroyed. They have not. Earlier this year I attended an open session at which two plans were presented showing drawings of considerable detail for 2 different schemes and many local residents attended and were asked to comment. At that time the architects promised that copies of the designs would be made available by distribution for comment. They have not. Further consultation with locals in view of the previous flouting of the law in demolishing the premise was promised. This has not happened. Instead we are presented with this new and utterly different proposal supported by minimal detail and almost no specifications or drawing of the final design. From what I can tell from the minimal detail provided, this is an ugly scheme which is not at all in keeping with the original building and does not respond to the requirements of the judgments. It does not reinstate any of the original features of the building nor any of its charm. It is merely a money making venture for Ringleys.

Ringleys are not an inexperienced outfit who have inadvertently broken the law. They are informed, crafty, calculating and display utter contempt for the planning process. Presumably they think that continual waste of individuals' time reviewing their many schemes will eventually wear out the local population and drive the council into submission. This must not be allowed to happen.

This is an important central site in Kentish Town and there seems to be a great deal of agreement between the local people, Camden planning department and the national inspectorate. Ringleys must conform to their judgments and needs. Please reject this application and request design improvement and much more detail. Thank you for considering my objection. Please inform me of your decision

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Hill