

# Lewis Nedas Law Solicitors

Our Ref 812CHS/JAL/JSR

Your Ref 2014/6039/P

Ed Watson – Director of Culture & Environment  
Regeneration and Planning Development Management  
London Borough of Camden  
Town Hall  
Judd Street  
London WC1H 8ND

4 November 2014

Dear Mr Watson

**Re: Planning Application Consultation 2014/6039/P  
8-12 Camden High Street, London NW1**

I write on behalf of Lewis Nedas Law Ltd in relation to this planning application.

We have instructed Ian Trehearne who is also representing Messrs Birnberg Pierce Solicitors who are also tenants of the offices at 8-12 Camden High Street.

Lewis Nedas has been established in Camden Town for over thirty years. We have occupied offices at 8-12 Camden High Street since 2008; our lease on the third floor does not expire until 2017 and is within the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954. We also have offices at 24 Camden High Street NW1 0JH.

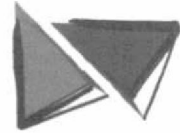
We provide legal services to numerous clients within Camden and adjacent areas. We believe that we are a crucial part of what is a declining legal aid provision in the Camden area.

We employ over thirty people, both as lawyers and support staff, many of whom are based locally. The building at 8-12 Camden High Street was constructed as offices, and has been used as such ever since.

We would find it impossible to relocate in this area because of the extreme shortage of suitable office space. Our offices work as a unit and we have been business ratepayers for over thirty years.

Having considered the proposed work we formally object to the proposal, which would not only mean the loss of vital office space for local businesses, but would also mean that there would undoubtedly be a change of appearance to the building as a whole. It would be (in our view) impossible to change the use of the offices to residential units without removal of the existing windows in order to achieve the

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number of one bedroom and two bedroom units set out in the plan.

We would also add that were we to remain in the building whilst any conversion from office to residential was taking place, we would be extremely concerned about the possibility of further parking/traffic in Bayham Place behind the building because of the additional pressure on servicing and refuse disposal, which is already an issue in this area.

We reiterate the fact that Mr Trehearne will be writing directly to you on behalf of both Lewis Nedas and Birnberg Pierce.

Yours sincerely

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Jeffrey A Lewis  
**Lewis Nedas Law**

cc. *Nanayaa Ampoma*  
*Frances Wheat*

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