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| 2014/6882/P | Jessica Learmond-Criqui | 14A Redington Road London NW3 7RG | 17/11/2014 19:30:21 | OBJ | <p>This application refers to the floors above William Hill shop on Hampstead High Street. The landlord wants to convert the storage space on floors 1 - 4 to flats. In doing so, they are taking out storage for the shop entirely so that if William Hill vacates and someone else wishes to take the shop, there would be little storage space.</p> <p>In my view, we need to ensure that shops on the high street have sufficient storage space so that they can operate as shops in future rather than be converted to businesses which require little storage or, indeed, be converted to residences.</p> <p>I object to this application as the Chair of the Hampstead Shops Campaign Town Team.</p> <p>From the plans, you will see that all storage space on the first floor is removed and there is left only very small storage in a small basement room. This development would make it difficult to let this shop unit to another tenant in future and may result, eventually in it being turned into a business or residence as it becomes unable to be let to another tenant.</p> <p>This development would effectively remove this unit from the stock of shops available for letting if the current tenant leaves at some date in the future.</p> <p>We have suffered the loss of a number of shop units in Hampstead with quite a few being turned into offices or residences. We need to stop this tide of losing shop space because that impacts on the long term offering of shopping in the area as the loss of units make it more difficult to attract shops which the community may wish to use.</p> <p>I would invite you to refuse this application.</p> |
