

Planning and Built Environment Camden Council
Camden Town Hall
Argyle Street
London WC1H 8ND

Covering letter for the Change of Use planning application Ref: PP-03651848,
Unit 10 Apollo Studios
Charlton Kings Road
London NW5 2SB

Dear Sir/Madam,

Unit 10 Apollo Studios is my residence and is currently a live/work (sui generis) unit. Since I became the owner in April 2011 I never used it as a place of work and I never intend to do so in the future. Therefore I am submitting this application for a change of use to full residential (C3). In 2008 the previous owner submitted an application for the change of use from live/work to C3 (application ref. 2008/2671/P, notices attached) which was refused on the basis of the fact that "the loss of a business use where there is potential for that use to continue and would prejudice the mixed use character of the building to the detriment of employment diversity and needs in the Borough".

Things have now changed substantially and in the last year four units, formerly offices, have been granted approval for the change of use to residential under General Permitted Development (please see attached notices for units 8, 9, 11 and 12). Refurbishment of those units are already under way and the owners will move in to live there shortly. The character for Apollo Studios will then be more residential than commercial and keeping my unit as a live/work would definitely not contribute to preserve the mixed use character of the building to the detriment of employment diversity and needs in the Borough, since nobody will ever work in it. The irony is that those offices, always used as working places, didn't have to apply for planning permission, while for my unit, always used as a residence, I have to submit a full application with its costs and without any certainty to see it approved.

Nevertheless I hope that this application could be favourably considered.

Best regards,

Roberto Tenconi

