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Chief Executive London Borough of Camden Camden Town Hall Judd Street London, WC1H 9JE

Dear Chief Executive

## Proposed Development 32 Lawn Road London NW3 2XU and Fleet Community Centre NW3 2QL

Officers of the Council and some elected Members may, no doubt, be aware that well before the above properties were sold by the Council to private developers last year there were two unfettered rights of way across the site that were in regular daily use by many local people on foot for well over 20-30 years before the property was sold. One of the routes is still in regular use whilst the other seems to have been recently "closed off" by the "new" owners.

I raised the issue of "prescriptive rights of way" that have been established over this site at meetings arranged by the "new" owners and at which Council Officers and Elected Members were present but nothing was said in reply (i.e., the question was ignored) at the meetings and the discussions then quickly moved on to other issues.

I think that the time has now come for me to raise this matter formally with you as I understand that the Council is imminently due to decide on a Planning Application submitted by the "new" owners of the site. As far as I am aware the Planning Application does not appear to have taken into consideration the matter of prescriptive rights of way.

I am writing to ask you for confirmation that the Council has considered the matter of "prescriptive rights" across this site and, following legal advice, have concluded that they do not exist: if that is not the case what is the Council's position in this matter?

I hope you will agree that it would avoid unnecessary delays and/or detract from other important local issues if this matter of prescriptive rights can be clarified and resolved now.

I would be grateful for your early response to this letter.

## Yours faithfully



## **Disclosed Copies:**

- Director of Environment,
  London Borough of Camden
- 2. Cllr. Theo Blackwell
- 3. Cllr Larraine Revah
- 4. Cllr M. Mcormack

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 $<sup>^{</sup>f 1}$  I note that Land Registry documents purchased today still show that the Council owns the site