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Re 2015/0890/P: 36 Flask Walk NW3

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Attn Neil Collins
Camden Planning

Dear Sir

I live on Flask Walk, across from number 36.

I wish to object to the following aspects of the application.

Existing status

In 1976, a complex of 4 houses (36-30 even) replaced the Flask Walk Salvation Army Hall. Number 34 was higher than its neighbours by virtue of being built over the communal garage serving the 4 properties. This should not be taken as a precedent for allowing neighbouring properties to create an extra storey. At the time it was praised as a good addition to the streetscape.

Proposed changes

The building of a fourth floor on number 32 has already reduced the light available to my property and the creation of a fourth floor on number 36 will further reduce the light to the street, in particular to the row of two storey listed properties opposite.

I object to the front fascia being built forward at 2nd floor level as it will increase the canyon like aspect of Flask Walk.

Lakis Close

In recent years, there has been a great deal of house renovation in the street. The entrance to Lakis Close, a private road which serves a group of houses with garages, is almost opposite number 36. This entrance is regularly used by builders as a turn round point for lorries that also park across and block the entrance, sometimes for many hours at a time; for example, when scaffolding is being delivered. No cars can enter or leave and emergency access is blocked. Many householders/builders prefer to take advantage of the 'free' open entrance to the Close rather than pay Camden to suspend local parking bays. The entrance to the Close is 'protected' by a double yellow line which is rarely enforced.

Vehicles associated with building works have also parked inside the entrance to the Close, off the public highway. The Close is a private road but a request to a driver to remove their vehicle is rarely successful. Lakis Close has suffered oil leaks, damage to the surface tarmac, a broken entry barrier on several occasions due to reversing vehicles and recently, a collapse of part of the sewer to the properties at this point. The roadway was not built to support the weight of heavy vehicles and I would request that if this application is allowed, a condition is imposed that the entrance to Lakis Close is not used by any vehicles associated with the building works.

Yours sincerely

Marianne Colloms