BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATION IN BELSIZE PARK

DATE: 11th May 2015

re: 4 Tasker Road

FAO: Planning officer for ref 2015/1487/P

Dear Fiona Davies

Hope that you can include comments on this application from the BRA as you consider this application.

The proposal asks for approval to: "External alterations including erection of first floor extension with Juliette balcony to front of property, a full-height glass bay window to the eastern side elevation and erection of single storey rear extension and provision of green roof and roof terrace and balustrade at rear first floor level. Replacement of UPVC rear windows with timber framed windows revised description to include: First floor extension to the front with Juliette balcony and roof terrace to the rear."

We have objections to this proposal.

The building is an entry in Camden's adopted local list. See page 53 of the document at link:

https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/environment/planning-and-built-environment/two/conservation-and-listed-buildings/camdens-local-list/

The three terraced houses are by architect Walter Segal, a pioneer environmental architect, and exemplar for the 'Segal method' of timber-framed construction. These were the last masonry houses designed by Segal and a prototype for his innovative self-build homes.

We agree with the CAAC that the removal of the garage door at ground level, and proposal to make three narrow windows on the front facade at first floor level would remove the unity of the group of three mews style houses. Further, the extensions in the back may need to take more account of the spirit of the original design as the designers appear unaware of the listing.

Yours sincerely

Belsize Residents Association