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Application ref: **2015/0782/P**
Address: **The Heals Building**, 196 Tottenham Court Road, W1T 7LQ

Dear Ms Bond,

I would like to object to part of the planning application cited above.

While the postal address of the Heal's Building is on Tottenham Court Road, the back of the building looks down directly upon the side of Woburn Mansions, in Torrington Place.

Failure to appreciate this, in the past, has led to earlier works on the Heal's Building which, in my opinion, should never have been approved. The installation of the present roof plant effectively elevated that part of the Heal's Building, facing Woburn Mansions, by one floor, depriving the facing flats of sunlight which was hitherto enjoyed.

For me, this was a significant deterioration of a vital amenity. There is a shortage of light into my flat in any event, as I am surrounded by buildings taller than my windows. My bedroom and kitchen, rooms in which I spend more than 90% of my time, when at home, are in the shadow of the rear of the Heal's Building.

The present application is for **additional** roof plant. The proposed development would turn the space between Woburn Mansions and the back of the Heal's Building into a much darker area, during the hours of daylight, than it already is; (* please see postscript). On those grounds, I object to this application in the strongest possible terms.

As I have made clear above, there is confusion in this building as to the extent of the Heal's Building. Some residents confound the back of it with Brook House, because the postal address of the latter is on Torrington Place, virtually adjacent. Hence, I anticipate that, by default, you will once again receive too few objections to the proposed work.

I hope you are able to take my view into consideration.

Yours sincerely,


DANNY CONNOLLEY

*** Postscript**

While the intervening space is overshadowed, it is not necessarily dark 24 hours a day.

The Heal's Building is brightly lit at night-time, for no good reason. Every room on every floor is fully illuminated. The glare is sufficient to enable me to read, at any hour of the night, with the aid of no other light, in my kitchen opposite. If it were not for the fact I have curtains across my bedroom window, my ability to sleep would be much diminished.

Perhaps, while mulling this objection, the landlords of the Heal's Building might like to consider eliminating this unnecessary light pollution. It is not decorative and, since the building is manned 24 hours a day by security staff, completely irrelevant as a crime prevention measure.