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**Planning application 2015/4030/P Mortimer Crescent**

Dear Mr Graicie

As a co-owner of number 2 Remsted House I should like to express my extreme concerns and objections over the proposed external insulation with cladding and summarise them as follows:

- 1) This estate, built in the early fifties, is a indisputably a particularly attractive development (see photos attached) and an example of economic housing at its best. It has many design features that set it apart from other neighbouring blocks:
  - curved brickwork around doors (see photo A attached)
  - roofs (see photo B attached)
  - chimney pots (see photo B attached)
  - brickwork: dark bricks not of a uniform colour, slight imperfections in the lay and shape which add character to the building and are testament to the workmanship and manufacturing process at the time (see photos A and B)
  - coal storage boxes with iron doors (photo A)
  - cast iron railings

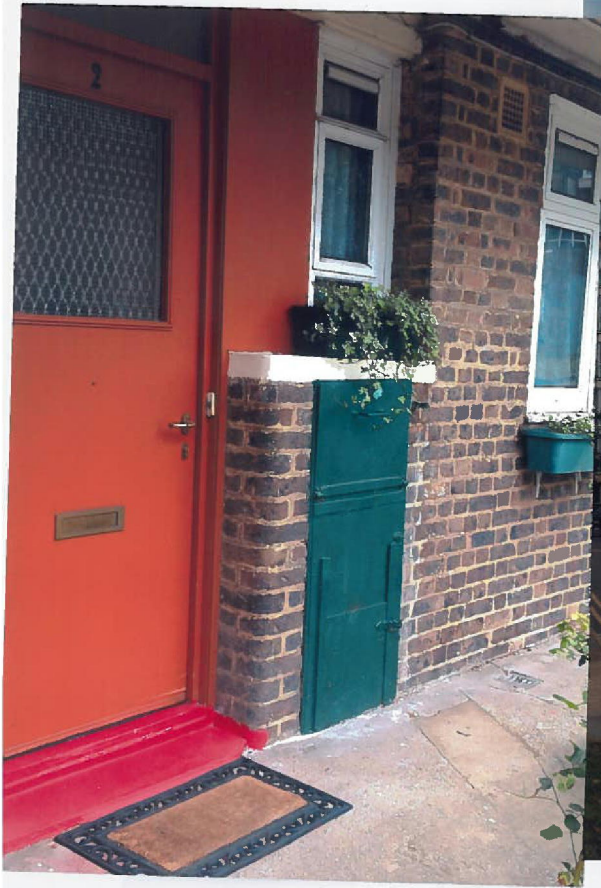
Many of these features already hold a historic value which will only increase with the passing of time.

- 2) While cladding with a white rendered finish, or a fake uniform brick finish, does not harm the sixties or seventies neighbouring blocks (see photos C, D, E and F attached), and maybe even enhances them, this is certainly not the case with our estate, where it would totally destroy the design and affect the value of the property.

- 3) Insulation: while I can accept there is good reason to insulate properties, and that your proposal for external insulation is probably the most cost effective and least disruptive route to attack the issue, it is not the only solution available. It should only be used where the end result will not have a negative impact on the look and value of the building.

Yours faithfully 

  
Jo Radcliffe



A



B



C



D



E



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