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From: Adam Leys [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 August 2015 17:42
To: Planning
Subject: 2015/3488/P

Dear Planning,

I am writing to object to application 2015/3488/P for 22-24 Prince of Wales Road, NW5 3LG. This site is The Beardsmore Gallery, a small art gallery in Kentish Town. I object on two grounds.

The plans show an intention to make this site into two long thin and narrow flats, which would be extremely cramped, with little natural daylight, and with entrances directly on to Prince of Wales Road. The premises were clearly originally two shops, thrust out from the front of the building in the Victorian way, and trying to make two flats from the site involves creating two flats which will barely meet modern standards, and will not be welcome additions to Camden's housing stock.

I also object because this art gallery is exactly the kind of business which we need in Kentish Town and in the borough of Camden. It is highly valued by residents, and by the wider arts community in London who know of its shows and attend in numbers. It is also very much valued by its community of artists in Camden and elsewhere, who value that they are encouraged and shown there. The gallery contributes greatly to the diversity and energy of the arts in the borough. It has been active for many years, and we can ill afford to lose it.

I hope that for these reasons you will reject this application. If you insist it must proceed, I ask that it be heard in full committee.

Yours sincerely,
Adam Leys

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