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I would like to oppose this planning application which to me is completely unnecessary.

I am the leasehold in the flat immediately below the roof - Flat 2B and I know what condition the roof is in and what might need to be done to it.

The roof currently comprises over 70% hand quarried Welsh slate put up over 25 years ago. The remainder are machine cut slates put up by Camden during repairs in 2000. the machine cut slates match all of the roofs on the Crescent where slates can be seen.

I would point out that the leaseholders when the hand quarried slates were put on the roof did not pay for them because they took Camden to court over the cost of doing this and Camden lost the case.

The roof cannot be seen from ground level as there is a high parapet which prevents this front and back.

I would also point out that the entire roofs of numbers 1 and 3 are entirely made from machine cut slates in addition to all the roofs on the houses between the white stucco houses at either end of the first part of the Crescent. The design changes on the next part of the Crescent and no roofs are visible from the ground level

Less than 10% of the slates need to be replaced as they are broken.

Some of the lead work in the guttering needs to be repaired as it is over 25 years old and worn. This has caused small leaks and have been temporarily repaired with milliput pending normal external repairs.

On this subject Camden's efforts have been less than sparkling. Four times since 1210 they have said they plan to start external repairs on a specific date and four times they have done nothing of the sort. This is no way to manage a 200 year old building.

To that end I have been maintaining the roof as I have to get on to it five or six times a year to clean out the gutter. Failing to do that would mean major water entering my flat. I have been replacing slates which become damaged with new slates. I have done this 10 times since 2010 and the process is very simple.

I can provide high resolution imagery to substantiate all the points made above.

I say again, the roof of 2 Mornington Crescent is very good condition and does not need to be replace. It is insulated and the flat is very warm. I know as I pay the gas bill and no heating is used on the top floor as it is unnecessary.

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