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objection re cladding Mortimer estate ref. 2015/4030/p

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: My personal bullet points of objection to the proposed work

To whom it may concern

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:

- roofs
- chimney pots
- curved brickwork around doors
- brickwork: dark bricks not of a uniform colour, slight imperfections in the lay and shape which add character to the building
- coal storage boxes with iron doors
- 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 blocks (see photos 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.

This is not communist country, so I put to you as a council that you hear the arguments of design and personal choice that you seem not to have considered thus far.

Kind regards

Jo Radcliffe

On 20 Jul 2015, at 21:14, greg radcliffe [REDACTED] wrote:

#### QUESTIONS RE EXTERNAL INSULATION ON MORTIMER CRESCENT

1. Whatever external insulation is considered, it will inevitably ruin the character and heritage of the buildings that date back to 1953.

2. Humidity and condensation is commonly reported with external insulation. This has been reported in [REDACTED] and other buildings in the local area, resulting in further remedial work being to be done to compensate for the conditions.

3. Today internal insulation is an option. Some blocks, depending on where they are situated on the estate, suffer less than others during periods of inclement weather. This process would give the occupant the choice if they felt it necessary or not to have further insulation.

This would also avoid the situation of the existing exteriors of the buildings being ruined.

4. Heat efficient boiler and heating systems today are far better at heating and conserving heat emissions than they have ever been. Apart from the private sector, when were these systems last upgraded and to what efficiency? This is a big factor in heating ones home efficiently and cost effectively.

5. We were advised at the residents meeting at Mortimer Hall 15.7.15 by a representative from the contractors that this work has been carried out on

individual blocks but this will be the first estate that will have had it done and it is an experiment? This statement needs clarification.

6. Several of these buildings have both historic and heritage commemoration and there is a feeling that they should remain untouched in appearance but restored and renovated.

7. Have private owners bordering the estate also been advised of these proposals?

8. Advice from local estate agents

has revealed, that for the private sector, that the 'modern look' that will be a result of the external cladding will be a detriment to the current aesthetic and historic of the buildings that have blended in to what used to be Kilburn Priory. From a surveyors point of view, recently clad buildings are always a concern as they are very unsure what is being hidden underneath.

9. It has still not been ruled out that the HS2 will come in to fruition. Surely having this done before a such an operation is carried out because there are no clear guidelines to the extent of cosmetic and structural damage that may be caused. I.e a large reinstatement project.

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