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Re: Application 2015/2997/P

Centre Heights, 137 Finchley Road, London NW3 6JG

Dear Josleen Chug

I live in Cresta House on Finchley Road which is directly next door (south) to Centre Heights.

I am writing against the Centre Heights application.

**The 3 storey roof extensions will deprive me of the privacy I have enjoyed on my terrace for the 15 years that I have lived in Cresta House.**

**Since Cresta House was built in 1984, there has never been a residential window overlooking the terrace of my flat. Only a blank wall faces my terrace. In the proposed plans, the windows of the new roof top flats that face Finchley Road will wrap-around this blank wall and not only face east but face south. These proposed south-facing windows will directly overlook my terrace and destroy the privacy I have up until now enjoyed.**

I also object to several other aspects of the proposed extensions to Centre Heights that will affect the neighbouring area and neighbouring flats:

1. The proposal to extend the height of the building by 3 stories of residential units will create a looming presence over the Finchley Road. The new development will almost equal in visual height the notorious 3 council flat towers on Adelaide Road that are widely considered to have been a mistake of the 1960’s.

2. The new roof top flats will take sunlight away from the existing blocks of flats, the two playgrounds and the soccer/basketball ground that lie to the west of and below Centre Heights.

3. The removal of the existing car park to make way for more housing will put even more pressure on the already full parking spaces on Belsize Road and Harben Road - not just from all the cars that were previously in the car park but from the additional cars and visitors’ cars of the 40 plus new tenants.

4. If the extensions are permitted, it will set a precedent for countless similar extensions on countless other buildings in the area. Witness the blight on the skyline of nearby Boydell Courts’ roof top extensions.

5. The proposed roof top extensions and mews development will add nothing to the supply of social housing that is so desperately needed in Camden. This goes against Camden’s own planning policies. The very few who will benefit are the developers and a few well-to-do buyers.

It is for these reasons that I ask the Council to refuse planning permission for the roof extensions to Centre Heights.

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