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#### Planning Application Details

Year 2015

Number 3463

Letter A

Planning application address 128 Albert Street

Title Mrs.

Your First Name Angela,

Initial

Last Name Andersen

Organisation

Comment Type Object

Postcode NW1 7NE

Address line 1 118 Albert Street

Address line 2 LONDON

Address line 3

Postcode NW1 7NE

Your comments on the planning application

The large bright red sign on the front of this building does not fit in with the listed buildings in this conservation area. As a house holder in this street I have to abide by the rigid but understandable rules governing listed buildings. In the past I have applied to change the glass in one of my windows to the newly available very thin double glazing but was refused on the grounds that the reflections would be altered and affect the look of the building. Now this very large (6.5mx0.6m)sign with its bright red colour is completely dominating the north end of the street. The Jewish Museum and the pubs all have signs which do not

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affect the street in this way. I therefore object strongly to any endorsement in retrospect to this sign.

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For the attention of Leela Muthoora Regeneration and Planning Development Management

Dear Leela Muthoora

I'm writing in to object to the above application.

128 Albert Street is part of an historic environment containing many Grade 2 Listed town houses and is also in the residential part of the Camden Town Conservation Area. It's well away from the Britannia Junction Retail Hub. Camden's 2007 Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy says that the streets to the west of the High Street are "quiet tree lined streets forming the residential sub area ... in marked contrast to the dynamic, busy commercial frontages." 128 Albert Street is in Sub Area 2 where, "the area contains a large number of good examples of early/mid-19th century speculatively built terraced London houses, generally of a uniform appearance, and many statutorily listed for their special interest".

The houses opposite 128 Albert Street are Grade 2 listed. And Albert Street is further referred to in the 2007 document as having "... a high quality streetscape. Lined on both sides almost without interruption by uniform historic terraces, it is wider than nearby streets, creating a sense of space".

The advertising sign on the front of 128 Albert Street is very large -0.6m high x 6.5m long = a size of 4 square metres. It is a bright red with large white lettering. This colouring is very much at odds with the character of the local historical environment. And it is in a highly visible position. In short, it is deliberately intrusive commercial hoarding and one that does not fall into any of the exempt classes for a Conservation Area.

Camden's 2007 Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy states that "A proliferation of signage, even of an appropriate design, could harm the character of the Conservation Area."

This sign is hardly "appropriate".

I appeal to the planning committee to reject this application in its current form. The sign should be much smaller and more sympathetic to the local historical environment.

Your sincerely

Peter Cundall