

New house at 28 Belsize Lane - 2015/4685/P

Application for variation of planning condition 4 in original permission 2008/0285/P (April 2008) and in renewal permission 2010/3112/P (March 2011)

We're writing as owner/occupiers of Flat 2, 26 Belsize Lane in response to the lamppost notice of this application. We, like our neighbours, Mr & Mrs Brod who we are aware have also written in protest about this variation, have not received any direct notification from you.

We object most strongly to the variation (removal) of this planning condition, because if these two windows have clear glazing and are opening, our privacy will be absolutely compromised and will reduce our wellbeing and enjoyment of our own home.

Our kitchen and one living area, where we spend perhaps 85% of our time whilst in our home, are directly in line of these windows. To have this condition removed would **take any privacy away from our family** as we go about our day to day lives. We have 4 beautiful large windows on that side of our flat - 3 of those are in our kitchen and offer our only view to the outside - and so to have ourselves overlooked upon concerns us greatly. We feel it is **completely unjust, unnecessary, unreasonable** and quite plainly, just not fair to inflict this invasion upon us.

We have lived here happily for 10 years. One of the reasons we bought the flat in the first place was because it was a detached property, for its beautiful windows and outlook, and at the time, the windows that existed in the previous property at No 28 were glazed. The new applicant acquired this site and its planning permission, in the full knowledge that these windows would have to remain obscure glazed and fixed shut. On a personal note, we verbally discussed this with Mrs Bradley, and she was then and is still now, fully aware that any change to this condition would be seen as **antagonistic, ignorant and insulting**.

Now that the new house is being constructed, it's **unreasonable and illogical** for this fundamental planning condition to be removed. There is **no justification** for removing the condition - indeed no justification has been provided by Mrs Bradley, with no documentation available on the planning website.

The new windows are approximately 6m from our side elevation. Removal of the planning condition would breach Camden's long-standing policies, which require (clear-glazed/opening) facing windows to be at least 20m apart.

We do hope that you take our objection very seriously indeed. It is, quite simply, a completely unfair variation. We have already had our daily lives compromised since the beginning of this build, as we have had to keep all blinds closed on this side of our house 5 days a week, which has been awful for us and our children actually, as we are constantly and quite obviously overlooked and being watched by the workmen on the site. Believe me, it's not a particularly nice way to live although bearable as it is a temporary situation but to then have the prospect of clear and opening windows right by our main living spaces once the build is complete, is absolutely unreasonable and cannot and should not be allowed to happen.

Kind regards,

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