



The Heath & Hampstead Society

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The Society examines all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead, and assesses them for their impact on conservation and on the local environment.

To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team

Planning Ref: 2015/3447/P

Address: 57 South End Road, NW3

Description: Shop front and ventilation system.

Case Officer: Jennifer Chivers

Date 1 October 2015

It is plain that this application, far from being a simple one relating to a shopfront re-design, involves a ventilation system to this dog-grooming parlour which could be a serious danger to public health.

You will have received a large number of local objections on this subject, the gist of which we support.

The applicants have stated that a ventilation system with what are described as SEPA filters is to be installed, and that this would remove the danger of hazardous animal hair and similar material being exhausted into the open air. You will be aware that the subject of mechanical air extract systems is a complex matter, only safely designed and supervised by specialist ventilation engineers.

So far as we are aware, from the application documents, no such specialist design advice has been put forward or proposed. In view of the extent of public concern, and the specific case of a local resident with serious lung disease (see local objection letters and petitions), we say that this application must not be determined until satisfactory design advice is presented.

If not presented, we call for refusal on public health grounds.