

2, Healey Street
NW1 8SR

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To whom it concerns:

Thank you for responding to my phone call and sending me a letter. As I mentioned on the phone to a very helpful Mr Hope, I had heard nothing about the forthcoming proposal. I was disappointed to suddenly discover that this had been submitted a while ago.

Application 2015/4458/P asks to develop and to erect a mansard roof extension and convert the existing house adjoining mine (No 4 Healey Street) in to 1X2 bed maisonette and 2 x 1 bed self-contained flats .

As you might expect, I am most anxious about these changes . This build will not only cause unnecessary disruption but also interfere with the heritage making a disproportion to the row and cul- de -sac line. Healey Street currently offers a real sense of period, symmetry and architectural aesthetic.

I live and own 2, Healey Street. I have been living there for nearly thirty years.

In this time, I have seen a range of tenants come and go next door. My neighbour, although the householder has not lived there. He rents it out .

I wish to strongly object to the new proposals on several grounds.

1. My neighbor at number 4 has already made alterations to the back rear window (at first floor level leading on to a flat roof) replacing a window so that a door now leads on to the first floor roof - this newly built balcony now looks straight into my rear garden. I was not consulted - I wonder if he had planning permission for these alterations? (CPG1 5.23?)

2. This current application states that the next works are for a 'roof extension' yet, the drawings also show 'the excavation of the basement'. Is this feasible?

There is not sufficient detail on the drawings to really identify how my party wall foundations are to be treated. How will I get reassurance that these alterations have followed the Camden guidelines as set out in CPG4?

3. Healy Street is one of the few streets left in Camden without random roof extensions – it remains in proportion. It is a small street – there are only extensions on the corner larger houses. There are none like the one being suggested. By granting permission for a roof extension Camden will set a new precedent. There are no roof extensions in Healy Street. CPG1 5.7, 5.8 and 5.14, especially on the even side of the street, where smaller houses are.

4. The creation of a deeper basement over only part of the party wall will most likely produce differential settlement on to the party wall itself and, may lead to 'cracking' without proper calculations. This property adjoins number 2 and will definitely affect the old foundations (there are still original Victorian windows etc) I believe the building up of an additional floor will definitely have a detrimental effect on both number 2 and the other side's adjoining property (number 6)

There will be need for protection legally to ensure careful excavation.

I am very worried about this, especially as so much is vested in making money from private rentals.

The existing foundations in Healey Street are fragile, the rooms vibrate when the North London Line trains pass, any extra load will cause even more vulnerability.

I am living at 2 Healey with my partner. It is my home. I want to have more insight as I feel this is too ambitious , possibly obstructive – especially for visiting elderly family .

I am not a developer myself (unlike my neighbor) . I understand his commercial ambition but I want my home to be safe. Healey Street is not a wide road like Prince of Wales Road.

So in summary I strongly object to these proposals and I have looked at them at length on line.

I do hope you can understand my concerns.

Yours Sincerely

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