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Subject: RE: Planning Objection 2015/5735/A - 186 West End Lane IMPORTANT ENFORCEMENT ISSUE

Subsequent to my email below, I have now located another planning application in relation to the above property reference 2015/5655/P which includes plans and related documents for a fuller refurbishment. It seems rather odd that the application was signed on 21 September 2015 but was only posted online on the 26th November on the same date as the inadequate application queried yesterday.

It would be appreciated if the NDF might review the plan to see if it complies with the agreed Neighbourhood Plan and pass on comments if relevant.

Regarding the application itself, there are a number of errors in the application.

- Firstly, in the application document they have stated that the work has not started which is simply not true. The original frontage has been completely removed and this happened a number of months ago, works should be halted until planning permission is considered and if appropriate granted.
- They have stated in the application that the new frontage will be "Satin Anodised Aluminium" and the proposed elevation plans state it will be painted Tulip Wood so clearly one or the other is wrong.
- There is no mention as to what may happen to the original tiled mosaic floor in the external part of the doorway. On the basis the new area is not of the same size as the proposed, one has to assume this will be removed which should not be permitted.

The fact that the original frontage has already been destroyed even before the application was started is clearly a concern as is the lack of proper detail as to what will be put in its place. There needs to be some sort of recourse to penalize/prevent works being done without consent as retrospective consent is not appropriate and leads to many developers carrying out work on the basis that it is much harder to say no after the main damage has been done.

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Subject: Planning Objection 2015/5735/A - 186 West End Lane IMPORTANT ENFORCEMENT ISSUE

Sirs,

I note that a recent planning application 2015/5735/A - 186 West End Lane was registered online on the 26th November 2015 but had a Comments Closing Date of 25th November 2015 (yes the day before registration).

There are no documents relating to the application available online, however, the whole front of the site has already been removed and will no doubt be significantly different to the original (and very beautiful/unique) frontage and certainly more than the application which states it is just for a "new fascia sign and hanging sign". Considering this is part of a conservation area, can you please explain how this has happened, why documents are available and why there has been no period to comment/review the plans?

The removal of the original fascia is a serious concern for the area and breaches a number of planning constraints.

Looking behind the current hoardings, it is clear that the whole front has been removed (see image of original site attached) and this is neither appropriate nor in line with the correct planning process.

Please can you revert back to me and also confirm that work will be halted so no further damage is made to the original features of the site until the correct procedures have been implemented and the community have had time to review and comment on these documents. The continued destruction of the architectural heritage of this area must be halted as a matter of urgency and they must also be restored if removed without permissions. Developers seem to feel that they have free reign to totally bypass Camden's planning team and enforcement has to be a priority in this era of continual re-development.

Yours faithfully,

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