**52 Fortess Road , London NW5 2hg.**

15th December 2015

Dear Mr Whittingham

REF: 2015/4501/P

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised plans for the above application. I wish to make the following points which are made in the context of my comments on the first application submitted and which still remain highly relevant given that this second submission takes no account whatsoever on the matters raised by Fortess Road residents who are badly affected by the impact on this side of the housing proposal.

In particular, our Fortess Road homes are listed and this planned development severely erodes and diminishes our setting. In line with your responsibilities, we depend on you to exercise your authority and responsibility to maintain dwellings of interest in this conservation area.

The project is too dense given the height and its proximity to our gardens and bedrooms. Their size and proximity means that we will have nine families living at the bottom of our gardens - which are at the moment the only respite from the busy Fortess Road thoroughfare, adjunct as it is to both Kentish Town Road and York Way with their heavy traffic. This increased noise, pollution, disturbance and loss of light from this proposal will result in a complete change and impoverishment of our home environment and neighbourhood . The peace and quiet of evenings and weekends currently enjoyed will be also lost, the quality of life for our families will significantly and unacceptably deteriorate.

We are extremely anxious about the work proposed on the garage roof . Asbestos of this kind is highly dangerous and we are not reassured that the behaviour of these planners give credence to the complexity of the work involved.

We have been enjoying a welcome resurgence of young families in the terrace and I have real concerns that the quality of their childhood will be not as it should be and has been.

I close with expressing the real need for work spaces for Camden’s young people and adults. Too many have been excluded in the past and this reduction of potential jobs with prospects for them in the future amounts to an act of negligence.

Please note, I formally object to this second application with its appalling neglect of the concerns that Fortess Road residents have expressed .

I urge you to reject it

Yours sincerely

Dr Ruth Silver DBE