

Gentet, Matthias

From: Jeremy Clayton [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2016 11:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning
Planning Number 2015/6809/P

Dear Ms Phillips,
My name is Jeremy Clayton, I am a resident of Tavistock Mansions, flat Number 5.

I am writing to you to let you know of my objections to this planning application.

My first objection is on health and safety grounds.

The front door of our block is slightly set back from the footfall on the pavement outside, we also have an external staircase directly by our front door that has a locked gate and metal fence around it (The same metal fence that we are not allowed to attach our bikes to, but the dentist has been advertising on for the past couple of years).

As I understand the application, this locked staircase will become the entranceway for a business that will perform cosmetic/medical procedures.

From a health and safety prospective this seems like an accident waiting to happen, probably involving people who could be potentially under some kind of sedation walking blindly into a choke point with residents trying to enter/exit their home next to an open staircase with concrete steps.

My second objection is regarding the fact that this is a residential block, the basement was originally residential, and Camden has over 12,000 people currently on the housing waiting list.

There is a drive from central Government AND Camden to dramatically try to increase affordable housing within London, yet here we are, seeing good living space within the borough being used potentially for something a lot less useful to the community (there are 3 dentists within 60 yards of my front door)

I don't have the figures for the Camden Botox waiting list, sorry!

My third objection is regarding weekend opening hours, we have recently lost residential parking bays on Herbrand street directly outside the dentists, how will this affect the immediate area over weekend opening when we could loose parking bays and single line parking to the increase in traffic to the new premises.

The incentive being, if you come here on a Sat afternoon or Sunday day, there is no congestion charge and you can park for free (if you can find a space).

This won't just impact on residents of Tavistock Mansions, but also all the families (and children) all along Herbrand Street.

My fourth objection is on conflicting interests.

As I understand the situation (and please forgive me if I am wrong),

Camden own the property,

Camden has received a planning application regarding said property,
Camden will decide internally (via the planning office) whether to agree the application,
Camden will (if asked) decide INTERNALLY whether there is a conflict of interests.....

The last point I'd like to make regards costs.

Currently, when work has to be done, and scaffolding erected, the back passage is utilised and so is the external staircase (as a base for the scaffolding.)
If these areas are no longer accessible when major works are needed, and the cost of repairing external or internal issues rises exponentially as a result of the increased costs (Imagine how creative you would have to be to do works on the back of the building or on the roof without an immediate area to erect safe scaffolding, and the extra cost implications?)

Who would pay for that?

My rent has gone up 7% in a year WITHOUT any major works, that's over 70x inflation (Inflation is roughly -0.1 % currently).

Please feel free to contact me regarding these or any other issues via this email account.

Yours,
Jeremy Clayton.