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| 2015/6826/P     | Craig McCarthy   | 6 Burdett Mews<br>Belsize Crescent<br>London<br>NW3 5QX | 25/01/2016 16:59:47 | INT      | <p>Objections due to over-dense population directly effecting Burdett Mews -</p> <p>Fire escapes – The 5 houses of Burdett Mews have one continuous flat roof in a horse-shoe shape connecting to Burdett Mews flats (1 – 4) at one end and No. 3 Belsize Crescent at the other. Both of these buildings have fire escapes leading onto our roofs (5 house-holds). In addition, 2 or 3 buildings on Belsize Lane have fire escapes leading onto the roofs of Burdett Mews (perhaps 6 further households).</p> <p>As a consequence of a lack of common sense, education from landlords and the high turn-over of residents occupying rental accommodation in Burdett Mews and Belsize Lane (6 month minimum leases and even shorter-term with Air B&amp;B lets) problems continually arise due to the abuse of fire escapes leading onto the roofs of the houses in Burdett Mews.</p> <p>All of the houses in Burdett Mews have had problems with leaking roofs and have had to make repairs as a consequence of party-goers, builders, surveyors, sunbathers &amp; adventurers trespassing upon our roofs. All of the houses in Burdett Mews have some sort of current issue with damp, in part due to trespassers careless travels upon our roofs.</p> <p>Residents of every house in Burdett Mews have either been woken themselves or been awoken by their terrified children or barking dogs in the middle of the night due to neighbours clumsily clod-hopping across their roof, thinking a fire escape leads to roof-top adventure.</p> <p>In just the summer of 2015 I asked 3 people from No. 3 Belsize Crescent what they were doing on my roof when there is clearly no fire to escape. One of them I heard clumping across my roof causing cracks to appear in my newly decorated ceiling. One of them was peering through my skylight, causing cracks to appear in another ceiling. The other I heard loudly talking on the phone as he paced up and down my roof – I don't want any further density of fire escape traffic on my roof.</p> <p>Objection on the grounds that Belsize Crescent is already over-densely populated -</p> <p>Infrastructure – Insufficient water supply has caused problems on Belsize Crescent for years. Repeated water main bursts cause disruption and inadequate pressure frequently means that showers do not work during peak-use times and on weekends. More homes will increase demand on an already over-burdened water system.</p> <p>Parking – It becomes increasingly difficult for residents to park their cars. This is partly due to population density and partly due to the proliferation of restaurants in Belsize Village which make resident parking particularly difficult on Thursday &amp; Friday evenings and all day Saturday &amp; Sunday. More flats will inevitably lead to more cars in the street.</p> <p>Rubbish – No. 3 Belsize Crescent is currently used as an office building and produces very little waste. As flats, that amount of waste will dramatically increase but the building has no facility to store rubbish before collection. Burdett Mews (next to No. 3) has four small cabinets for rubbish storage to serve</p> |

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nine households – yet as an office, the occupiers of No. 3 have repeatedly dumped rubbish in Burdett Mews, filling the rubbish storage area with their waste, often only hours after collection which means it must remain in Burdett Mews for a week before the next collection. As it stands, there is often rubbish standing on the corner of Princess Mews and Belsize Crescent and there is almost permanently rubbish lying in the street. The day before rubbish collection the south end of Belsize Crescent more closely resembles the local rubbish dump than a residential street. More residential flats will only lead to more rubbish.

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