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From: Adam Leys [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 January 2016 18:09
To: Planning
Cc: Headlam-Wells, Jenny (Councillor)
Subject: 2015/6330/P

Attn Ian Gracie

Dear Ian Gracie,

I am writing about planning application 2015/6330/P at 22 Prince of Wales Road, NW5 3LG.

I object strongly to this application.

I object to the change of use which will be detrimental to the economic life of the area, by removing one, or potentially two, viable shop front spaces. There is still plenty of demand for shop spaces in our area, particularly in area such as this, slightly away from the main shopping street, and valuable to the smaller start-up business. Camden needs to protect these small potential employment locations.

I also object to the proposal to demolish the front wall of the premises, and move it 1.2 metres back, for reasons which are not clear to me. I see from the plans that dustbins may be sited there. are we going to destroy a Victorian shopfront in a conservation area for dustbins?

This building is in a conservation area, and the building is a good example of a Victorian shop development, where shop space was thrust out from the front of the building, as here. It is rare to see such a Victorian shop front so clearly, as most have been overtaken by later building works. The building retains some architectural features of the period when it was built, and the proposed works would destroy them. The meaning of a conservation area is to conserve exactly this sort of building.

I call for the rejection of this application.

Yours sincerely,
Adam Leys

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