

The Society examines all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead, and assesses them for their impact on conservation and on the local environment.

To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team

Planning Ref: 2016/1084/P

Address: Wells Court, Oriel Place, NW3

Description: Use as 23 sheltered flats. (2nd comment)

Case Officer: Gideon Whittingham Date 15 April 2016

We comment further, in the light of your recent e-mail in response to our original queries dated 7 April 16.

You imply, although not explicitly, that the building is for sale, and that its use as sheltered accommodation is challenged, in that you refer to a C3 Use without further elaboration.

You also do not provide the information we asked for concerning the ownership of the building. The application document does not reveal this, surely in contravention of your application registration requirements?

The fact is that this building provides sheltered housing, as defined in Policy DP7, occupied by old people, many of whom are old-time Hampstead residents, and we would be extremely concerned if their security of tenure is threatened by a sale of the premises.

Can you please confirm

- a. who the owner of the site is, and
- b. what protection can/will be given to existing residents' tenure if the building is sold, with or without a C3 Planning permission.