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For the attention of Zenab Haji-Ismael, Planning Officer

Dear Zenab Haji-Ismael,

Re: ref 2016/1345/P 28, Charlotte Street, W1T 2NF

I write to object to the proposed planning application for this property.

My husband and I have lived in this area for over 30 years. I know this property well as the family home of the late Adrian Heath, a well known artist, and I am surprised that the property is not recognised as being worthy of protection, especially the studio at the rear of the property by virtue of this connection. I feel it is very wrong to take the heart out of a beautiful Georgian townhouse so as to try and squeeze in as many flats as possible. The proposal involves gutting the building and I object strongly to the loss of the original features within the building. The lovely features, such as the staircase and ceiling heights can never be replaced, once destroyed. It is very sad that many planning applications locally have resulted in the loss of historic buildings of character, which enhance this Conservation Area, to make way for featureless properties.

I also object to the changes at the rear of the building. The addition of height at the back of the building and the proposed large glass windows are completely out of keeping with the original structure and with the line of other buildings adjacent to the property. Crabtree Fields, the small park at the rear of 28, Charlotte Street currently has a secluded and safe feel to it. My children were daily visitors to Crabtree Fields when they were young and I think the large glass windows and the height of the proposed extension will tower over the play area in a forbidding and unpleasant way. The proposed windows are overbearing and

voyeuristic and will overlook the play area and will impact on the feeling of privacy and safety that the play area currently has.

There are very few play spaces in this area for children and families and I think these proposed changes will be off putting to families who currently rely on Crabtree Fields to allow their children space to run around and let off steam.

Yours sincerely

Dr S M Mills