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> For the attention of Samir Benmbarek

Dear Samir,

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> We are writing on behalf of the Camden Town CAAC.

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> We object to these proposals to change certain elements in Chant
> House.

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> As you know Chant House is sited on a very visible corner of Delancey
> Street and Arlington Road, next door to the Grade 2 listed Tram Shed
> and within our Conservation Area.

> Although it is not a good or attractive building, it does have a
> certain consistency. The dominant corner part of the building is built
> of yellow stock bricks with matching wooden window frames.

> We feel, therefore, that the windows should not be made of BLACK
> glass, which would stand out so strongly and not be in keeping with
> the existing materials. The glass could be opaque or a pale grey.

> Perhaps we could help to choose the right shade of glass on site, if
> that would be possible.

> Likewise, the ground floor windows in the lower block facing Delancey
> Street should also not be black. Why not have ordinary plain glass
> showing the interior, which presumably could be an attractive display
> of guitars. Otherwise, the building will look like a warehouse,
> adding nothing to the streetscape.

> The sign 'guitarguitar' could be sited on the Delancey Street
> elevation but not on the Arlington Road one, which is a residential
> street.

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> As the site is so important, could we help to make the important
> choices of colour and materials?

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> Yours sincerely,

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