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15 June 2016

Dear Sir

Planning Application at 13-15 John's Mews, London WC1N 2PA (ref. 2014/3330/P)

I write, yet again, to reinforce my firm objections to the above application. This letter follows earlier valid objections made in writing to the case officer on 12 June 2014 and 3 December 2015 together with a written objection for consideration at the Development Control Committee dated 12 January 2016. I've previously referred to the lack of response to the points raised and my concern, as a result, that the application isn't being robustly scrutinised and objectively considered by the Local Planning Authority.

Despite attempting to follow the month by month progression of this application, it has become a near impossible task to navigate the website given that it doesn't present a comprehensive and understandable record of all material relevant to the application, nor does it list documents in the order or date received. The result is a dysfunctional interface which serves no useful purpose for members of the public to interact with and it discourages such interaction. As an example, the Basement Impact Assessment has gone through so many revisions that there is no single document that accurately records the entirety of the relevant information. I very much doubt that this application is the only one which the case officer has to handle on a weekly basis and with such a complex array of documentation to wade through, including the issue of serious contamination now, I fear that a third recommendation that the committee should approve the application is likely to be presented because of inadequate time being spent on distilling the facts and presenting an accurate and balanced report which acknowledges the relevant concerns of members of the public.

A significant procedural failure to my mind is the lack of full and proper consultation that has been undertaken with conservation bodies given that the site is within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, abuts Grade II Listed buildings and specifically that 13-15 John's Mews are cited in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area Appraisal on page 143 as being a positive contributor to the conservation area. The application has been allowed to 'slip-through' the registration screening without a Heritage Statement, probably because it started out as an amendment to an earlier application and not a full application in its own right. This is outrageous and the application shouldn't be considered, let alone determined in the absence of this critical information which would surely fail to adequately justify the preservation or enhancement of a building offering a positive contribution.

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There are many other substantiated objections which I have made previously and which remain unaddressed and I would urge you please, as the Principal Planning Officer, to take control of this application which has been the subject of flawed procedural management. I ask that you give it full and proper consideration with the appropriate consultations before making a balanced recommendation to your Development Control Committee.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Crowley

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