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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2016 18:45  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** 56 Brookfield Mansions - No 2016/2555/P

Dear Camden Council,

I write in reference to the planning application for a cabin platform lift at 56 Brookfield, Highgate West Hill, application No 2016/2555/P. We feel strongly that the cabin lift proposal should be rejected.

We live at No 54 Brookfield, on the floor directly below No 56 which has made the application.

The proposal is for a clumsy structure that is both a lift and an entrance to be installed at the back of our Edwardian mansion block. This proposal fills us with horror.

Although it is nominally the back entrance to the block, the service road entrance is actually the entrance used most often as it leads directly from the car parking. The placing of a cabin lift here is sure to create an unsightly blockage, and to make access and exit from the block significantly more difficult. At the moment, entering and leaving the building through the parking entrance is entirely straightforward and easy. That will no longer be true.

In a worst case scenario, escape from the building - should there be a fire - is certain to be more complicated. There are light issues to consider as well, and serious design issues.

One of the main reasons we moved into this fine Edwardian mansion block was because we admired the character of the building. Brookfield Mansions are so characterful they are even mentioned in a celebrated poem by John Betjeman, Britain's former Poet Laureate. The forced installation of the lift will irreparably damage this character, and create an unsightly and confusing back entrance. What is more, the other blocks in the building will now look different from ours, creating an ugly imbalance in the architecture.

Ever since Brookfield was built, everyone who has lived here has used the staircase. It is a handsome staircase, and we are happy to continue using it. We ask, therefore, that this unsightly application be rejected.

Yours sincerely

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