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To: Planning

Subject: Application reference 2016/2614/P

Dear Sir/Madam,

my name is Galina Portianoi and I live in about the application (Ref. No. 2016/2614/P), as I was under the impression that Mr Bloomfield, the owner of 11 Mansion Gardens, was planning to do some landscaping work on his garden, but not the works listed in the application referenced above. The construction works, by the way, were started a few weeks ago, well before he submitted the application.

What started with a simple job of boiler replacement at Mr Bloomfields's house two and a half years ago, has now become an endless building work on his house, that is now actually in its third (!) year. While I respect other people's wishes and desires to make changes to their house, I hope you will agree with me that neighbours of those people also have rights. I think ours have been sadly and constantly infringed by the noise, dirt and the terrible appearance, as well as endless conversations that Mr Bloomfield's workers seem to be having outside his property, affecting our family quality of life, as well as my concentration, as I work from home. On several occasions, when I actually complained about the terrible dust created by the continued work on his house (I have two children and their bedroom actually faces Mr Bloomfield's house), the only consession that Mr Bloomfield made was to offer to clean our exterior windows, which our joint cleaner has done and Mr Bloomfield paid for.

I have an e-mail from Mr Bloomfield (which I am happy to submit for the record, if need be), in which he promises to finish the work at his house by the end of this year and that e-mail dates a few months ago. For the first two years of work on his house Mr Bloomfield has continued to live in it, but he has now moved out, so while his life isn't interrupted, our daily life is affected by the above mentioned factors and sadly, only increasingly so.

Neighbours are becoming increasingly upset by the ongoing works, builder's cars & delivery trucks blocking the road and Mr Bloomfield's blatant disregard for his neighbours is also becoming quite upsetting. On one notable occasion earlier this year, Mr Bloomfield's hostility towards his female neighbour, actually resulted in her calling the police, as she feared for her safety.

Mr Bloomfield had a lovely garden, which now looks terrible and as he is planning to creet a conservatory, as well as the car parking, it will change the appearance of Mansion Gardens for the worse, cutting out the green space and creating a fairly unappealing site, which we will see from our windows and front door. Mr Bloomfield already changed the windows in his house that are different to the windows of Mansion Gardens residents, without asking for joint permission and contravening a covenant guiding the universal appearance of the houses we reside in. When asked about his building plans, he either seems not to reply or direct me to the men working for him - to be honest, I am reluctant to discuss his building plans with people who work for him, but don't reside here.

I hope you will examine his application in detail and will hopefully decline it, as it will only further negatively impact the overall atmosphere at Mansion Gardens and significantly affect its appearance. We live in a community that used to be cordial and peaceful and which is becoming increasingly hostile, noisy and environmentally unfriendly for the residents.

Please don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail, if you need any further information or images, as Mr Bloomfield has already started the work mentioned in the above application, without receiving the required approval from the Camden Council. We all pay our council tax and I hope on this occasion you will be guided not just by the wishes of one man, but would also consider the needs of the whole community of people who live in Mansion Gardens and whose lives are increasingly being interrupted by Mr Bloomfield's endless works. I personally have been very tolerant and forgiving, but sadly I have reached the point when it has become too much for me and I am glad for this opportunity to express my views and feelings on the subject.

Kind regards, Mrs Galina Portianoi