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Subject: For the attention of Rachel Stopard

Application Ref: 2015/6864/L

Dear Ms Stopard

I am writing to you as Treasurer of the Regents Park Housing Society on behalf of all the Members. The Society is a fully mutual cooperative. There are 10 flats in the building and only 10 members of the Society. The freehold is owned by the Society, which leases the flats to its members. The integrity of the building and the flats is protected by the Lease and the Listing both of which we all take very seriously.

The letter you wrote on March 21 to Loukas Karentzos, relating to Planning Permission in Flat B 10 Regents Park Road, specifies two things that you require to be done, by the owner Mr Charles Akle, involving the secondary glazing:

1. Blinds to be installed between the secondary glazing and the external window.
2. The brown timber frame to be painted white.

In relation to the first requirement, I understand that when the Conservation Officer came to inspect the premises she realized that this was not practical and agreed to waive this requirement. As the gap between the window and the secondary glazing is extremely small it would almost certainly not be possible to install a blind. And even if a blind were to be installed, it would have to be pulled down the whole time in order to obscure the secondary glazing, which would mean there was little light in the room and nobody could look out of the window. Also, as the French doors and adjoining windows look out onto the garden, the only people who can see them are the other Members of the Society, who have not raised any objections to the secondary glazing.

The second requirement, to paint the timber frame white, can surely only relate to the side facing outwards. Again, no Member has asked for this to be done and you are hardly going to dictate the colour of the curtains they install, so asking for the wooden frame in front of them to be white seems rather inconsistent.

I hope you will reconsider both of these items.

Yours sincerely
Anthea Arnold

