Garden Flat, Elmtree, 4 St Margaret's Road, St Marychurch. Torquay. Devon TQ1 4NW.

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Zenab Haji-Ismail, Planning Officer, Regeneration and Planning, Development Management London Borough of Camden, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 8ND.

## Re: <u>28 Charlotte Street, W1T 2NF,</u> <u>Planning Ref: 2016/1345/P</u>

Dear Ms Zenab Haji-Ismail,

We are writing to you to put forward objections to the proposed development of 28 Charlotte Street. We lived in this house for four years in the 1980's as tenants of Corinne and Adrian Heath. It is a Georgian house which retains its original interiors apart from a sympathetic attic conversion on the fourth floor. We believe that it is now the only single family dwelling in Charlotte Street and the proposed development will destroy the proportions of the rooms by lowering the ceiling heights and removing the staircases and chimney breasts. Thus the proposed new interior layout will have no relation to the scale of the house and render the Georgian frontage as a mere facade.

In addition, the increased height to the rear extension will be higher than neighbouring extensions and the proposed elevation and windows will overlook and overshadow the children's play area. This playground and park, Crabtree Fields, is a precious green space which was developed as a result of local community lobbying and was much enjoyed by our own children when they were young.

Dwelling in 28 Charlotte Street as an integrated building was a life-enhancing experience – for four years we appreciated its historic architecture as a well-designed family home which was part of a living community.

After this time we moved to a flat in Cleveland Street and our eldest son continues to live there. The community mix in Fitzrovia is currently threatened by the encroachment of overdevelopment and aggressive gentrification.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Clarke and Rod Stoneman.