

KENTISH TOWN ROAD ACTION (KTRA)

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re: Application 2015/7289/P
132 Kentish Town Road, NW1 2QB

Dear John Diver

I am writing on behalf of Kentish Town Road Action. KTRA objects to this planning application for change of use of ground floor unit from art gallery (D1 use) to audio mastering and sound recording facility (B1 Class), for the following reasons:

KTRA disagrees with the enforcement history for these premises. As is stated in the Design and Access Statement in this application, this unit was never run as an art gallery (D1) and has remained unavailable to the public for 3 years, since the change of use was granted from A3 to D1. The premises have remained steadfastly shut with dirty curtains in the window hiding what was going on inside. The Kentish Town community has not been able to gain benefit from use of the premises either as A3 or D1. The property clearly remains A3 because the usage has not changed since 2011. Therefore the application is incorrect.

The Design and Access statement is as follows: "The current owners acquired the property in 2011 and after extensive renovation and restoration, intended to run it as an art gallery. This business never took off and was not financially viable". This statement makes it clear that the property was NEVER run as an art gallery, so we cannot understand why, in 2015, Camden Enforcement decided that there had been no breach of planning rules. We are asking for Enforcement to re-evaluate and reinvestigate this property and the clear breach of Planning rules.

We will be passing on our concerns to the Enforcement Team and, in the meantime, we are asking for this application to be turned down as it stands for the reasons given.

Should you recommend approval, we are asking for this application to be heard by the Development Committee.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and keep me informed about the progress of this application.

Yours Sincerely

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