

For The Attention of Neil McDonald  
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By post & email to: [neil.macdonald@camden.gov.uk](mailto:neil.macdonald@camden.gov.uk)

Dear Mr McDonald

**Re: 2015/2605/P Site Address: 325 Kentish Town Road London NW5 2TJ/ 10 York Mews  
London NW5**

I am one of the Trustees of the Camden City Islington & Westminster Bereavement Service, (CCIWBS), a charity that provides a bereavement counselling service and operates the same at 6 - 8 York Mews, London NW5 2LU. Our adjoining neighbours have submitted a planning application to re-develop the adjacent premises into residential accommodation.

Kate Phillips is the Case Officer in respect of the planning application (case reference above). The application was given approval by Camden Planning Office on 17 December 2015 for the redevelopment of the site, (325 Kentish Town Road & 10 York Mews).

I note that there is a forthcoming deadline for submission of the Construction Management Plan. I emailed Kate Phillips on 24 April 2016 requesting that she kindly provide some further information as set out below. To date I have not received a response from her.

Furthermore my colleague, Laura Noel Chair of Trustees, has endeavoured to speak to Ms Phillips about these matters dating back to 12 February 2016. Despite her repeated efforts to speak to Ms Phillips on the telephone, to date we have been provided with an inadequate response. This is unacceptable. I understand that you are Ms Phillips' manager and as such would you please now kindly assist us in providing a response to the queries set out below.

Please confirm the date that the Construction Management Plan must be submitted. Please explain what opportunities we will have to set out our observations in relation to the issues to be addressed in the plan; and the time frame for doing so. For example we would like to raise

our concerns about vehicular access to the site, parking, noise, debris etc. These issues are extremely important to us as they will directly impact upon the organisation's ability to deliver our charitable objective, namely providing one to one counselling in a suitable environment.

I note that the issue of sound insulation, (referred to in condition 4 of the final decision letter dated 17 December 2015), was addressed in further recent written submissions to the Council by the Applicant, resulting in a further decision letter being issued dated 17 March 2016. Can you please confirm whether the Council's concerns regarding sound insulation related only to the rooms within the development itself, or was the Applicant obliged to address sound which may affect neighbouring premises.

The works appear now to have commenced at the development. To date the noise has resulted in our counsellors having to cancel appointments with clients as it was impossible to provide a counselling service with continuous loud drilling next door.

Laura Noel again contacted Kate Phillips on 20th May 2016, to report the noise and Ms Phillips promised to send a planning enforcement officer to York Mews on Monday 23 May 2016 to establish if the building works have started next door contrary to the permission. As I understand it they are allowed to do some preparatory work only at this point.

As far as I am aware an Officer from the Council is yet to attend the development. Can you please confirm when an Officer will attend the development and report back on their findings. Please confirm that as an interested party we will be notified of the outcome of the visit.

Can you also please confirm if it would be possible for the terms of the Construction Management Plan to include a requirement that the Applicant/his representatives be obliged to provide one month notice in advance of when they intend to start drilling to our organisation to enable us to arrange alternative accommodation. Ms Phillips agreed with my colleague on 20 May 2016 that she would ask for the notice issue to form part of the terms of the Construction Management Plan.

In light of the fact that the recent drilling sounded very close by as if it was drilling into our own walls at 6 – 8 York Mews, can you please confirm if there is a party wall agreement required by law as a result of the proposed plans that have been submitted. Are you able to confirm whether the issue of a party wall has been addressed by the Council in the planning application.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response shortly. Please note that our concerns regarding the development and difficulties we have

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experienced to date in liaising with colleagues in the planning department have been brought to the attention of our local councillor Merik Apak, Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Environment. Accordingly a copy of this letter is being forwarded to him for his information and to each of the Trustees.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sarah Davies