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Dear Camden Council

**Planning application for 8 Anglers Lane – 2016/4326/P**

I wish to object to the planning application to build yet another storey on 8 Anglers Lane. This building is a historic factory building that lies WITHIN the Inkerman Conservation Area. Its current height and materials are in keeping with the rest of Anglers Lane and the conservation area, except for the relatively temporary and removable telecommunications installation. If it were not for permitted development this building would remain a useful industrial building. As it is, it has now become merely a rental investment opportunity, potentially increased by the addition of extra flats on top of the historic building, the subject of the current planning application.

Adding an extra storey would impact upon the continuity of the Anglers Lane historic industrial roofscape both by increasing the mass and height of this building, and by breaking the roofline of these historic factory buildings. It lies next to 5-6 Anglers Lane which is described in Streets of Kentish Town by The Camden History Society as:

“A handsome example of Victorian architecture with polychromatic gabled façade in red brick with terracotta bands, and sculptural decoration beneath the eaves.” There is also a fine old print of this building reproduced in the book.

This was the factory of Claudius Ash and Co for manufacture of false teeth – famed for making teeth from precious metals rather than human remains, for employing a large number of female staff, and for being the largest manufacturer in Europe, exporting to 24 countries. Gillian Tindall in The Fields Beneath also describes this area for its many years heritage in the manufacture of pianos, for which Kentish Town was renowned. These are all reasons why these buildings on Anglers Lane are WITHIN the conservation area and should be retained as is.

The present application will detract from and destroy the character and view of the conservation area and its historical context, from both Anglers Lane, and Alma Street, both of which lie within the Inkerman Conservation Area. It will also spoil the view from Anglers lane of the historic Prince of Wales bathhouse, also a protected building. Adding modern storeys with their bulk and modern materials will completely change the vista within this whole protected area, and will overlook homes and gardens on the very narrow one-way Anglers Lane. I urge you to reject this application.

Owners of individual houses are prevented from adding on floors due to the detrimental effect on the skyline. It is undemocratic and unfair to have one rule in a

conservation area for private owners and another for developers. This would set a dangerous precedent. This application is completely inappropriate. I urge you to reject it.

Please treat my personal details with confidentiality in line with the D. P. Act. Please inform me of the final decision. Thank you.

Your faithfully

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