

## Porch application for 9 Middle Field Camden 2016/5762/P

I very strongly object to the proposed porch at No 9 Middle Field and am amazed that Camden even considers giving permission for it to be built. As Camden does not allow new windows in the roof in the front of the houses when people build up into the roof (as at No 5) there can be no reason for allowing alterations to the ground floor in front.

You may or may not know that Middle Field was designed in 1958 by T P Bennett, (1887 – 1980) a very well known and admired mid-20<sup>th</sup> century architect, responsible for many buildings in London and St Johns Wood. I believe Middle Field to be one of the first group of houses built for private sale after the Second World War as building resources had been used for factories and schools and council houses and therefore should be preserved as much as possible. The two facing terraces are not just individual houses which happen to be joined together but are part of an integrated whole, and to block the space under the balcony of No 9 would ruin this effect, to the detriment of the street scene and the view from each of the other houses. The four end houses, 1, 2, 13 and 14 have front doors without a window beside them, the ones next to the end – 3, 4, 11 and 12, have bay windows under the balcony and the central ones, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 have windows on the same flat plane as the front doors. They also have windows on the top floor with little balconies which the others do not have. Standing at the front doors of 5, 7, 9 and 6, 8 and 10 one can see along the fronts of the houses and enjoy the flowers in the beds under the windows and the plants climbing up the balcony supports. The new owner and his architect seem to have no appreciation of the design – and indeed seem to think that the bay windows of no 11 have been added recently and so anyone can just put something under the balcony. There is no need for a porch to

protect people at the front door from rain as cover is provided by the balcony above. As the house is being extended at the back it must be possible to provide a storage place for coats and it seems extraordinary that the architect did not make provision for them there.

I have been in touch with the archivist at tp bennett LLP One America St London SE1 ONE who is very interested in early photos of the estate as the centenary of the firm is approaching.

I am also in correspondence with a conservation officer at the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Society and believe they will be getting in touch with you.

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Please would you also contact Camden planning and ask them to refuse permission for the porch extension at No 9

Dear Mr Raymond Yang. 8. 11. 16

Re the Conservation yesterday 2016/5762/P.

I am writing to say I agree with

Bridget Clarke that the person

concerned should not be allowed to build

the conversion! at number 9

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