**Sussex House, Chalton Street NW1 1RB**

BRIEF GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

Originally this was an appeal for non-determination. Suddenly the council issued a refusal. So this has now become an appeal against refusal.

There are now given two reasons for refusal on the attached decision notice and officers delegated report, published several days later.

It should be noted that during the eight week period, the Planning officer made absolutely no contact whatsoever with the applicant/appellant, or his agent, nor did he/she carry out a site visit.

**The first reason for refusal is that the development would harm the character and appearance of the host building.**

1. Had the planning officer bothered to visit the site, he/she would have seen that there is an identical height extension (probably built prewar) at the other end of the block.

1. The officer has conveniently ignored that the council recently gave permission for a huge extension, higher than Sussex House, directly behind the block in Regents High School.
2. The officer has also chosen to ignore that they granted permission for a 4/5 storey extension to the building next door, higher than Sussex House, at 164 Chalton Street.

**The second reason for refusal is that this development would result in harm to the living conditions of the occupiers of Sussex House.**

1. This development was actually the idea, and the suggestion of the tenants who requested this, and even contributed towards the cost. On the contrary, this development has resulted in improved conditions for the tenants of Sussex House.

It is obvious that this refusal and threat of enforcement is really motivated by a personal vendetta, or racial dislike for the applicant.