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To: McClue, Jonathan
Cc: Planning; Leyland, Claire-Louise (Councillor); Tulip Siddiq MP
Subject: 100 AVENUE ROAD, SWISS COTTAGE, NW3 3HF APPLICATION REF: 2017/4036/P
S96A NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Dear Mr McClue,

I would like to lodge my objection to the captioned Amendment application for the following reasons :

1. The changes to the internal floor plans to reduce 'excess hallways' in an attempt to increase the size of the units, coupled with the fact that the building seems to have only one stairwell, seems to increase the fire risk in the building and poses challenges to a safe evacuation of the residents. This seems to be a material alteration the original application and, surely, should be treated as a totally new application for purposes of planning. As we have seen with the recent tragedy at Grenfell Tower, any risk event not only impact the residents in the building, but also impacts communities and residents in the immediate areas surrounding the impacted property.
2. When these changes are taken together with the microclimate mitigation measures (microclimate mitigation application no.2017/3838/P) that would reduce access for emergency services in case of a risk event in the building, the situation becomes even more dire..

The Council, and the London Fire brigade should do a complete review of all the applications for amendments taken together to ensure that safety of the residents of the building, and residents in the surrounding areas, is not being compromised by the haphazard and unsafe changes being proposed by the builders.

3. I would also like to object to the developers proposal to remove the rooftop maintenance unit in the tower due to 'changes in window cleaning strategy'. This seems like a material amendment to the granted permission which stated that the glazing on the tower would be kept well maintained. I would be interested to hear how the developers propose to continue to maintain the exterior of the building to avoid a blight to the neighborhood. Have they submitted any details on their new 'window cleaning strategy' ? If so, could this please be shared with the residents in Camden?

As I look through all the responses from the developer to objections raised by the council, as evidenced by their piecemeal responses, it is becoming increasingly clear that the developers are not thinking through their plans comprehensively and are constantly looking for shortcuts to try to circumvent valid objections being raised by the residents and by the council. This is creating a situation where we have another disaster waiting to happen.

I would urge you, and the council, to continue to maintain strict standards and not allow the developers to put residents at risk.

I am separately proposing to write to my MP, Ms Tulip Siddiq for her support, and to the Secretary of State for communities and local government (Greg Clark) understand the rationale behind his overriding Camden Council's original rejection of the planning application and approving what is increasingly looking like an unsafe development with risks to the Jubilee line, risks to the residents of the building and risks to the residents of the surrounding areas.

Thanking you

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