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To: Planning
Subject: Representation re: PA 2017/4462/P

FAO: Planning Officer Sofie Fieldsend

Planning Application - 2017/4462/P

I am writing to make a representation regarding Planning Application 2017/4462/P. The application was registered on 09-08-2017 for the Site Address of 1a West Cottages West End Lane London NW6 1RJ. I own and live at 2 Carlton Mews, West Cottages, West End Lane, NW6 1RL, one of 6 Mews houses whose central courtyard shares a boundary wall with the property (1a West Cottages).

I have not been notified of the proposal to extend the property, which involves a two storey rear extension, raising the ridge height, front and rear dormers and the insertion of new side windows. This will affect all 6 houses in the Mews significantly and, after checking with the other owners, it appears that no one has been notified about the proposal. It only came to our attention after someone spotted a small sign attached to a lamppost round the corner from us. I therefore ask that, although the time for comments has now past, if could you please still take into account the following major concerns when assessing the application.

2 Carlton Mews

The overall size of the proposed extension would be overbearing on Carlton Mews as a whole, feel very imposing and darken it considerably.

Specifically, 2 Carlton Mews directly faces the north side of the property so would be greatly affected. My main objections are as follows:

- Light

All the main windows in my house (downstairs living area and three bedrooms) are south facing and directly face the north side of the property.

On September 16th 2017 at 1pm, as seen from the front of my house - ground floor, the sun was skirting over the roofline as it currently sits (see attached photo), the shadow from the property coming right up to my front door. Therefore, raising the ridge height by any amount would completely block the natural light into the downstairs of my house for a large part of the year. The first floor bedrooms would also be noticeably dimmed.

- Aesthetics

The views from the first floor bedrooms would be spoiled as they would be faced with a large and imposing north wall.

From the master bedroom (second floor), the effect would be substantial, blocking the beautiful open view of the traditional houses and trees beyond (see attached photo). Instead, the view from the master would be the sides of the property's dormer windows.

I would like to point out that I have no problem with an extension in principle, a rear extension to the east, and even some new fixed side windows of obscured glass facing into the Mews would not be a problem for

me personally, and could be achieved in keeping with the area. But a ridge height raised by so much IS a huge concern because the extent to which it will compromise the light into, and views from, my house, and the Mews in general.

I ask if you could keep me advised of the process and timetable for reviewing the application, as well as any upcoming hearings.

Thank you for your time,

Alison Somerville



