

Gentet, Matthias

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 September 2017 12:17
To: Planning
Subject: Ref 2016/7088/P

I wish to object to the demolition of this historic Spiritualist Church that was opened by Sir Arthur Colon Doyle. I believe this to be a good example of an Arts and Crafts building which has for many years been an integral part of the lives of many people of Camden Town and Kentish Town where my family originate

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 September 2017 17:39
To: Planning
Subject: Camden Temple
Importance: High

Dear Camden Planning Office
Your Ref: 2016-7088/P

I have had a communication from Alan Murdie today who will be contacting the Monitoring Officer of Camden Council with regards to Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in order to raise potential breaches of conservation and heritage rules and obligations concerning architectural and cultural heritage. These are subject to European-wide conventions on which the UK is a signatory. I urgently request you make no decision until this communication has taken place.

Thanking you

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Campaign to Save Conan Doyle's Temple, Camden from Demolition

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 September 2017 10:37
To: Planning
Subject: Proposed demolition of Rochester Square Spiritualist Temple.

Dear Sirs,

Ref: 2016/7088/P

I am a Spiritualist and I am horrified to learn that you are proposing to demolish Rochester Square Spiritualist Temple in North London and use the ground for redevelopment.

You must be aware of the historic significance of this church to the history of Spiritualism. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is famous for his creation of Sherlock Holmes but he was also a Spiritualist and wrote books about his religious beliefs. It was in 1926 that he gave £600 to assist in the construction of this church and there is a foundation stone which he laid on 30th October, 1926 which commemorates this.

Sir Arthur is one of our British "greats" and known all over the world. You are proposing to demolish a church building associated with his name and religious beliefs which should be saved as a tribute to him. Also the ground surrounding the church contains the ashes of deceased church members so this makes it hallowed ground and you would not consider digging up a cemetery and building on the ground would you?

I urge you to revise your plans and agree that this historic church must be saved. I would hope that the Spiritualist community in the UK and around the world would set up a fund to refurbish the church and open it once again to spread the truth of Spiritualism.

Ada A. McKay.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 September 2017 21:57
To: Planning
Subject: RE: Proposed demolition of the 'Arts and Crafts' Temple in Rochester Square, Camden

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to register my objection to the demolition of this distinctive building. My late father restored churches and similar buildings back in the 1960's and 1970's.

In one church, he uncovered a wooden, Saxon arch, the unenlightened churchwarden dismissed it as 'ugly' and requested it should be plastered over.

This attitude seems shocking now, back then it didn't. We are all temporary guardians of the buildings we 'own' and thanks to my father who refused to bow to the tastes of his time, thousands of people have since seen that Saxon arch.

It would be a great pity if this building should be lost to the nation; please reconsider the fate of the Arts and Crafts Temple in Rochester Square.

Sincerely,
Fiona R. Maher