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2017/6788/P	Ms Tania Voaden	19 fortress grove NW5 2HD NW5 2HD	21/01/2018 16:03:50	COMMEM PER	<p>Whilst welcoming renovation of this building, we have concerns about this proposal both for our property and for Fortress Grove. With particular regard to proposed works on what is referred to as Studio B.</p> <p>1) Proposal to enlarge the windows on the south facade in Fortress Grove. These windows look directly into our garden at 19 Fortress Grove. Currently starting at 5 feet above ground level, they are opaque and do not threaten our privacy. We oppose the suggestion to enlarge these windows as to do so would impact on the privacy of our garden where our children play. In practical terms to increase window area into a garden where 3 children play seems ill advised. We have a minor further concern about damage to our garden that the significant refenestration would cause. Our primary concern however is the intrusion that enlarged windows would bring and changing entirely our private garden.</p> <p>2) We oppose the proposed roof extension on Studio B as it would not respect local character. Fortress Grove is a wonderful haven of small cottages, fairly unique in Kentish Town where few small houses remain. To add another floor to the existing building would mean it would dominate and overpower this small Grove. The Grove has a distinctive character and the scale of the proposed extension would disfigure the balance and proportions of other buildings in the street.</p> <p>With regard to our specific house, sharing a party wall with 'Studio B' we have concerns about being overlooked, as 2 bedrooms and a bathroom have large velux windows. Both our children's room and bathroom have 12ft square roof lights and the proposed extension would directly overlook these causing inevitable removal of privacy.</p>

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2017/6788/P	Paul Jackman	APT C 32 Fortess Road London NW5 2HB	11/01/2018 11:25:23	OBJ	<p>I emphatically object to the new planning application. This is the only commercial building in an otherwise densely populated domestic area of mainly mews cottages/houses, with the exception of the buildings facing on to Fortess Road.</p> <p>By raising the existing building by another storey it will completely dominate the whole area, dwarfing the existing mews houses both in Railey Mews & Fortess Grove. Some houses in Fortess Grove have had similar planning applications refused (wanting to put an extra bedroom in loft space). So why should such a huge building be granted planning application, when others have been refused ?</p> <p>I live in The Piano Works, my flat is on the lower and upper ground floors at the rear of the building and my sitting and bedroom windows overlook the workshop. If the workshop was to be raised by another floor this would block out a lot of natural light from my flat. The original design application was acceptable because it did not change the height of the building and therefore did not block out any light from the buildings surrounding it. I also feel very strongly that it would also depreciate the value of my property and the properties in the neighbouring area (Railey Mews and Fortess Grove.</p> <p>I also feel by raising the building another floor it would stick out like a sore thumb and dominate the area. It is very close to a block of social flats and one high rise building in front of another would not be conducive to the people living in the social flats.</p> <p>Why should this commercial building have to expand ? There are plenty of other already existing commercial buildings.</p> <p>This building should have been converted into domestic housing as in the original application.</p>
