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Sent: 17 October 2017 13:17
To: Davies, Fiona
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Da Vinci House

Dear Ms Davies,

I am writing in support of the recently submitted planning application to convert the lower ground floor (basement) of our building, Da Vinci House, into office space.

This application comes as a huge welcome since we have experienced several burglaries and vandalism to the basement in the recent years. The lower ground floor is accessed from the ground floor parking via a very steep ramp (as well as a set of stairs) with a low ceiling which makes it inaccessible to many tall or large vehicles. It is also extremely dirty, brimming with former residents unwanted appliances and rubbish as well as decorator's paint cans, brushes and end of job items.

Currently the basement houses the utility meters for the flats, and includes some storage units for some of the residents. These storage units have been burgled at least four times in the past few years and the cars parked there were also vandalised recently with fire extinguisher spray.

This has been quite upsetting and as parents to 3 young kids, we are desperate to improve the security of the building. The fire escape entrance on Saffron Hill is around the corner from the main entrance and has been pried open twice by what appears to be substance abuse addicts. Despite installing cameras around all the entrances and hallways in the building, we were unable to catch one thief who stole a large number of valuables from a neighbour who had securely locked them in a large wooden box in the basement.

The new development will have a positive impact on the building and will make use of a derelict and unused space.

Kind regards,

Reem Waines
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