

**KENTISH TOWN ROAD ACTION (KTRA)**

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re: Applications 2017/6916/P and 2018/0554/L  
Assembly House, 292-294 Kentish Town Road NW5 2TG

Dear Kristina Smith

I am writing on behalf of Kentish Town Road Action. KTRA objects to both planning applications for the Assembly House, 292-294 Kentish Town Road – 2017/6916/P and Listed Building – 2018/0554/L.

We would, in principle, support the premise of hotel use for the upper floors of the Assembly House, but there are serious problems and disparities in the plans for these applications. We are asking you to refuse both applications, for the reasons given below:

1. The plans for the lift show that it would not serve the ground floor, and would only reach the third floor. This means that the lift would not be accessible for the disabled, and therefore would contravene the Equalities Act 2010.
2. The plans for the external fire escape stairs contravene the Building Regulations Fire Guidance. Those escaping from a fire above would have to leave the external staircase and go back into the building at first floor level, which is patently extremely dangerous, not to say life-threatening.
3. There would be considerable loss of heritage features (e.g. original panelling) at the back of the building, in order for the lift shaft to be installed.
4. The loss of the Function Room for community use is to be deplored.
5. The proposed new air-conditioning units are planned to be installed adjacent to neighbours' bedroom windows. This would cause noise nuisance, potentially all night.

Should you recommend approval, we are asking for this application to be heard by the Development Committee.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and keep me informed about the progress of this application.

Yours Sincerely

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