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**By email only**

Dear Mr Baxter,

**RE: Listed Building Consent Reference 2017/7035/L – Park Flats, The Stable Block, Kenwood Estate, Hampstead Lane, NW3 7JR**

The society has no objection to the proposed restoration and refurbishment of the stable block, in order to return it to use as a group of converted apartments. We are particularly encouraged by the pledge to retain so much historic fabric, including elements which may be somewhat awkward to accommodate but which nonetheless are singled out in the various schedules of works.

However, in agreement with Camden's Conservation Officer, we are anxious that the early to mid-twentieth century character of the flats, as per their initial conversion, is not sacrificed to commercial demands for high-tech, luxury specifications. The general sensitivity to the original eighteenth-century fabric shown by the Inter-War LCC architects responsible for the conversions is testament to the meticulous standards and conscientious ethos with which they practiced, and their work thus warrants due care and protection.

Going forward, it will also be important that current day expectations for multi-media access are not satisfied by a rash of separate aerials and satellite dishes, which would clearly damage the appearance of the historic exterior from the public realm. We trust also that, given the client is English Heritage Trust, advantage will be taken of the opportunities provided by the proposed excavations to conduct archaeological research.

Yours sincerely,  
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