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2018/0012/P	David Prince	18 Fortess Grove London NW5 2HD	11/03/2018 21:38:34	OBJEMAI L	<p>I have been the owner of 18 Fortess Grove since 1985. I do welcome the refurbishment of 20 Fortess Grove however I do not agree with the assertions made in the Design and Access Statement that the alterations that have already been made without planning permission "are sympathetic to the character of the property itself and to the conservation area in general"; and that "the proposals reflect a coordinated approach of design to both the existing property and those in the vicinity" In particular-</p> <p>-The replacement fenestration is completely out of character with both the original building and those in the vicinity and is not at all sympathetic to the conservation area in general. The windows are neither Victorian nor Georgian sash in style but rather an indeterminate pastiche. I am sure that prospective planning consent would not have been granted for alterations so out of character with local properties and with the conservation area in general</p> <p>-The developers have utilised white shiny plastic materials for guttering and downpipes and these have been attached to white shiny plastic fascia boards. These are an eyesore and again wholly out of character with the original building, with local properties and with the conservation area in general</p> <p>-</p>
2018/0012/P	TVoaden	19 Fortess Grove London NW5 2HD	12/03/2018 18:47:19	APP	<p>We are unhappy with the outcome of the building works on this house. Having contacted the planning department enforcement team as building work was taking place, aware that no planning had been secured and that extensive works were being carried out, no response was provided. The whole construction was completed hidden behind hoarding as high as the top windows, clearly with the intent to proceed unseen. The construction has ruined what was one of the oldest buildings in Kentish Town, an old chapel with a chapel porch entrance and well balanced facade. The porch has gone, a large side extension added, a basement put in and all without planning consent until this belated submission. The fenestration is not in keeping with properties in the street and conservation area. The Fortess Grove Camden street sign affixed to the front wall of the house has been removed making the street hard to identify.</p>

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2018/0012/P	Claire Leveson	6 Fortress Grove	10/03/2018 09:57:53	OBJ	<p>Along with my neighbours on Fortress Grove I watched in shock as works to this house were undertaken. There was nothing 'sensitive' about the renovation. They did it as quickly and crudely as possible, parking illegally in the road for months, making a mess of the street, and not a word said to anyone. Having recently gone through a full scale renovation of my own Fortress Grove property (actually at the same time) it was particularly galling to watch this job being done knowing they had no planning permission to do it. I knew this because of the speed of turnaround - a quick auction buy to make a quick profit - and the fact we received no correspondence about it, just the start of works. And the reason it was galling is because I myself had gone through the painful, long and expensive planning permission process myself - because that is what I was required to do. Had I known that this was apparently an optional decision - you can do whatever you like to a listed property (and mine isn't even listed), and who is going to pick you up on it once it's done - then maybe I and many others who follow the rules wouldn't bother to do so. So I will be very interested to see whether there is any penalty for this disregard of due process - and very surprised if the house sells, having witnessed the quality of the workmanship and the massive profit they are trying to squeeze out of it. I would also be very keen to know whether building control - another party with whom I had expensive and protracted negotiations over the course of my job - have been involved in and signed off this house.</p>
