




Dear Ms Fieldsend,

Please find attached my comments regarding Planning Application 2018 / 0652 / P (Proposed window replacement in Gilling Court, NW3 4XD).

Unfortunately I have only recently found out about this proposal, so apologise for my letter coming towards the end of the notification period, and hope it can still be considered.  
(I have also been given your direct email today by the officer at the Planning Department helpdesk, and have sent this same email to that address as well.)

Best Regards

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Resident Objection

With Reference to :  
Planning application: 2018 / 0652 / P  
"Planning statement in support of the application for replacement windows" 29th January 2018  
Gilling Court  
Belsize Grove  
London  
NW3 4XD

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As a resident of Gilling Court I would like to object to the above proposal to replace some/all of the windows in the building with Smart Alitherm Heritage Windows.

As a long term resident of the block, I know that many of the original Crittall windows are in excellent condition, and only in need of re-decoration, which can be undertaken (as in the past) as part of the scheduled outside decoration of the block. Neither the surveyor nor the management company have contacted residents to check the condition of the windows in each flat.

It cannot be argued that removing good condition original windows from an Art Deco block of this style and period will in any way enhance the appearance of the building or the road.

I think that the first port of call should be to retain or restore as many of the original windows as possible. Repair if needed can be undertaken easily and cost effectively by a recommended Crittall window restorer.

In accordance with the Conservation Area guidelines, I feel any windows that must be replaced, should be replaced 'like with like' with modern steel Crittall windows, which are much more durable than aluminium long term. Crittall have an expected life of 60+ years. Also they are 3x stronger than aluminium meaning they have a much slimmer profile and look closest to the original. These stronger steel windows are also more suitable for communal areas and can be much more easily and successfully repaired if any damage does occur.

The Aluminium windows the planning application proposes to use, are not as durable and long-lasting as steel Crittall windows and thus not as cost effective or environmentally friendly long term. One set that has been installed in the block less than two years ago is already showing signs of wear and tear and discolouration, and look messy from the outside.

Many Thanks

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