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Subject: Comments on 2018/5143/P - Cyclone House 27 - 29 Whitfield Street London W1T 2SE

Ms Hazelton

Please find below my comments on this application.

Our association objects to the amendment which seeks "change of external vertical metal railing to 3rd floor south elevation to internal vertical railing".

The approved external railings (Juliet balconies) prevent unauthorised use of the roof but allow cleaning and other regular maintenance of the windows from the inside of the building. The proposed amendment to move the railings to the inside would make regular maintenance difficult unless the proposed internal railing could be opened. If the internal railing could be opened it would give rise to concerns about safety and make it easier for unauthorised use of the roof. Unauthorised use of the roof is of great concern as it would intrude on the privacy of any occupant of the neighbouring residential building at 1 Colville Place. This is a serious concern as it would breach Article 8 of the Human Rights Act which protects privacy and home life. Local Authorities are bound by the Act in any decisions including planning.

For these reasons this amendment should be refused.

Our association also asks that this application listing on the planning portal is altered to show the correct "comments until date" and to allow comments to be submitted via the online listing.

Regards

Linus Rees
director and trustee

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