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PLEASE REFER TO PREVIOUS PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS -2013/5420/P - 2014/3012/P -  
2016/4959/P

Dear Jaspreet Chana,

Application No. 2018/3274/P - Case Officer Jaspreet Chana 1544 - 122A Finchley Road, NW3 5HT

I refer to the above application in relation to the effect on the flats above 122A and feel that though it is given as "minor" alterations, there are questions which I consider need to be addressed as my flat is immediately above 122A. I would add that there has always been a problem with the applicant in that he does not communicate readily with the 122B Residents.

There has been considerable work over a period of at least 2 years in relation to the 122A premises resulting in a number of problems for the 122B residents which is why I would like you to be aware of them in general terms since FURTHER SURPRISES COULD WELL BE IN STORE [REDACTED]

My main worry is in the case of FIRE. There are a number of Fire Exits shown on applicant's plan, but all are for the premises of 122A and while there was once access for the area at the back of the building in general, this has been totally BLOCKED OFF WITH LARGE METAL GATES AND IS NOW INACCESSIBLE TO THE FLAT OWNERS IN CASE OF FIRE AS WELL AS LOSING OUR GARBAGE AREA TO WHICH WE ARE ENTITLED IN OUR LEASES.

HOWEVER fire exits to OUTSIDE only appear to be planned for the 122A premises. Also The Flat Roof shown as a Fire Exit on the Mezzanine Floor Plan will have a high guard rail by a Fire Exit. The actual roof material covering the Mezzanine Floor -IS THAT FIRE PROOF??? It looks pretty flammable to me. On that Flat Roof sit several air conditioning units (which could mal function and cause a fire) not to mention noise from them disturbing the flats immediately next to and by the units.

I AM AWARE THAT CAMDEN HAS HAD QUITE A FEW RESIDENTIAL FIRES OVER PAST MONTHS DUE TO LACK OF CARE AND PRECAUTIONS. I am also aware that Building Control, as well as the Fire Brigade should be called upon to look at this situation though Building Control (unfortunately) is very lax. The applicant doesn't seem to care about the flats above his premises at all and makes no effort to accommodate fire exits needed after the extension work, in order to help the flat owners. Have either Building Control or the Fire Brigade been informed of this application? Perhaps notification to the Fire Brigade is best made by the flat owners for safety?

while the original Planning Application was to "reinstate" the earlier restaurant what the applicant has in mind for the Mezzanine Floor who knows! Is this new doorway for Client entry by the side passage?? in order to arrive at a restaurant. Then this would mean extra general public use rather than just by London Tokyo (122C) and 122B Residents, as well as people leaving the 124 building Car Park. In other words is the plan to increase the usage as a general public pathway for clients for 122A? Are these premises to be open late at night up and down the "driveway"? and the flats at the side having additional noise because of the late hours? or if used as a restaurant would they enter through the shop (at present a Beauty Salon).

Putting putting high guard rails as shown on the plan could prevent flat dwellers having a "blocked" exit via a window exit over the roof in case of fire. The large metal gates and high brick wall prevent access from the flats to the rear land, although available before recent work which could help solve fire problems.

What are the alterations to the shop front likely to be? At present there is a big gap showing under my flat open to the elements, showing the structure of the opening. What is planned? which is why I hope you will be able clarify all these questions when making your decision.

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