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**From:** English, Rachel  
**Sent:** 12 March 2019 13:13  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** FW: Planning Application 2019/0829/P  
**Attachments:** 6 Cleve Front View Aug 2018.jpg; 6 Cleve Side View Aug 2018.jpg; Front looking from 8 to 6 Cleve Rd Mar 2019.jpg; View from neighbour 1st floor Mar 2019.jpg; View in front of 6 Cleve Road with 8 to the left Mar 2019.jpg; View of 6 and 8 from front.jpg

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 March 2019 13:09  
**To:** English, Rachel <Rachel.English@camden.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Planning Application 2019/0829/P

Dear Rachel,

**Re: Replacement of front boundary wall and gates and creation of new vehicle crossover to access driveway - 2019/0829/P**

I strongly object to the proposal of the kerb being dropped with additional road access given to the house attached to mine.

I have lived for 27 years on the first floor flat of 8 Cleve Road which overlooks the adjoining property's (number 6) front drive. Over the years this property has declined in appearance due to neglect in terms of exterior maintenance and the upkeep of vegetation, despite remaining in the same ownership. In my opinion there is more than sufficient space with the existing dropped kerb and easy car access available to the right side of this house. I cannot understand why the applicant states a disabled person would find access easier by having a cross over style driveway, as the existing drive appears to offer more than sufficient space for entering and leaving a vehicle for someone with a disability. Unfortunately it is not clear on the application whether the disability is a mobility one and if so then it is strange as this property also has several steps to access the front door. I must admit I have not seen or personally know the neighbour who has the disability.

The owners already removed the brick wall from the left side several years ago and replaced it with pieces of white painted hardboard with no thought about conservation or aesthetics. Then in 2018 they removed the hedge between our properties and replaced the hedge with a wooden fence. At the same time they then removed the hedge at the front left of their property. To my knowledge they did not seek planning permission to remove either the wall or hedges, though I do not know if this was a requirement. These changes have altered the look from a partly green area to a barren unattractive parking space. Definitely not conducive to a conservation area and not in keeping with the other properties that have attractive partially gardened single entry drive ways on Cleve Road. I am not confident that the suggestion this neighbour makes about reintroducing a front garden is true. I hardly think a small hedge can be considered a front garden. They rarely managed the old hedges, cropping them once a year after neighbours complained due to the fact the front hedge protruded over the pavement causing a hazard.

On the application they state they have a requirement for a disabled parking bay, despite already having an existing substantial parking area for cars on their property. They also state that a review was undertaken on the availability of

'on street' parking. It is not clear from the application if these were professional assessments/reviews and I doubt they were as they do not sound valid.

Additionally, I personally applied and proposed for a bike hangar installation on the same place where this application wants the kerb dropped. My request was made by email on 26 September 2018 to Richard Riddle at LB Camden and sadly was rejected due to budget constraints. My proposal would have provided 6 cyclists a safe place to store their bikes along with a scheme that encourages a healthier lifestyle and greener environment. So the thought that part of my Council Tax may now pay for the kerb to be dropped to enable someone who already has adequate front of house parking is abhorrent to me and a waste of Local Authority money.

In conclusion to this planning application, Cleve Road will not be enhanced in any way other than to create an additional front drive to a property that already has one and the drawback of losing one 'on street' parking space or even the possibility of a bike hangar space in the future.

I have attached six photographs that may assist with my objection.

Please could you also confirm the email addresses of relevant Councillors that I may copy my objection as I could not easily find this on the LB Camden website.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely,  
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