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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) **Prior Approval Required - Approval Refused** 

Address:

387 Kentish Town Road London NW5 2TJ

## Proposal:

Change of use of the ground floor unit from retail (Class A1) to form a 2bed 4person dwelling (Class C3) together with building operations including replacement of shopfront with glazed screens and new front entrance door as well as the replacement of existing single storey rear extensions to include new windows and rooflights.

Drawing Nos: (Prefix: KT\_PD\_) 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 (All dated 05/03/19); Planning Statement prepared by PD Planning UK

The Council has considered your application for prior approval of siting and appearance in respect of the telecommunications equipment described above determines that prior approval is required and hereby **refuses approval** for the following reasons.

## Reason(s) for Objection

The proposed loss of a retail unit would result in a under provision of retail and an overconcentration of non-retail uses within the designated frontage, to the detriment of the long term vitality and viability of the Kentish Town town centre. The works would therefore remain contrary to National Planning Policy Framework chapter 7, paragraph 85 (2019); London Borough of Camden Local Plan policy TC2 (2017) and Kentish Town Neighbourhood Plan policies SW2 and SW3 (2016).

The proposed change of use, in the absence of a Section 106 legal agreement to secure the residential unit as car-free, would contribute unacceptably to parking stress and traffic congestion in the surrounding area and would not promote the use of sustainable transport contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework chapter 9, paragraphs 102, 108 and 110

## Informative(s):

1 You are advised that reasons for refusal (2) could be overcome through entering into a Section 106 Legal Agreement.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

You can find advice in regard to your rights of appeal at: http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent

Yours faithfully

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Chief Planning Officer