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Ms. Laura Hazelton
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(By email only)

Dear Ms. Hazelton
Planning application 2019/1108/P

I write as agent on behalf of the owner of Flat 20, 1-10 Summer Street, London EC1R 5BD. Whilst the effects of the proposed development the subject of the above application will be slight so far as Flat 20 is concerned, I am concerned that this application follows others (in Back Hill and now in Eyre Street Hill/Vine Hill) in which there is substantial disregard of LBC Camden's Planning Policies and of national guidelines – the obvious implication being that property developers feel that LBC Camden can be pressured not to follow its Planning Policies nor national guidelines.

And so this is a letter of objection to the above application on the following bases:

- 1 The application involves taking of light from residential premises contrary to Planning Policy – and does so to a substantial extent
- 2 The application involves the creation of new offices which will overlook residential premises contrary to Planning Policy, to arrangements required under the previous planning permission for the 144A Clerkenwell Road premises, and to human decency (it should not be necessary for the owner of a residential property to have the choice of closed curtains or being seen by people mere metres away during daylight hours; particularly when that has not been necessary when the residential property was built)
- 3 What the developer seeks to achieve at the 144A Clerkenwell road premises is an enlargement of office space; the building's site is unsuitable for this, being so close to 1-10 Summers Street; the developer has chosen the wrong premises for its intended large office space
- 4 There is potential for noise pollution to affect the adjacent residential properties. I have seen no assessment of this nor of steps to prevent it.
- 5 For the Planning Authority to allow further compromises to/departures from its Planning Policy makes that Policy no more than a broad statement of intent. Planning Policy is meant to be more than a broad statement of intent. To allow the planning permission applied for will not merely encourage further applications in breach of Planning Policy but will validate them on the basis that each applicant should be treated equally.

Yours sincerely



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