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To: Sild, Thomas
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Dear Mr Sild

Planning application 2019/3871/P, 15 Gt James Street

Dear Thomas Sild

We are aware that the consultation period for this application ended some time ago, but as there is not date yet for it to go to Committee, we hope you will be able to include our objection to it with the other objections.

The proposal is to develop the building to provide short-term accommodation for small businesses. Camden recognises that there is a need for such business accommodation, but it is clear that that use is not suitable for all buildings and locations.

Great James St is a narrow street of tall Georgian terraced houses. It is a quiet road with most of the houses either residential with long-term professional use. The nature of the street means that noise carries and echoes very easily.

Short-term leases do not attract users with any long-term sense of community spirit or obligation to maintaining the existing nature of their surroundings. We believe that if the proposed development goes ahead it will adversely affect residents and business operators in the street.

The design for the rear of the building is inappropriate for buildings of this sort and the excavation of the basement, besides being inappropriate, would bring heavy construction vehicles into the narrow surrounding streets which cannot safely accommodate them

For these reasons we hope you will refuse this application and encourage the owners to revert to the granted 2013 application (2013/3114/P) for change of use from Office to Residential.

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