



To the attention of: Camden Council Planning Department

Dear Sir / Madam,

Related to: Francis Gardner Apartments. Planning reference no 2020/0928/P

I am writing to object to the development plans for the site of Francis Gardner Apartments, located on West End Lane directly opposite the Sidney Boyd Court. I myself am resident of Kings Gardens, the residential block that is directly next to Francis Gardner to the right.

First, it seems inconceivable to me that during a time when we are moving towards enforcing legislation for better living standards for residents in this country, everything from health and safety, quality of air and noise pollution, that such a massive project would be allowed to proceed, in the centre of a very densely residential area, with no justification and with no clear objectives besides profit.

Second, the level of noise, dust, traffic and sheer disturbance to the fabric of our lives across the whole of West End Lane and surrounds cannot be justified by these plans and aims.

Third, I am seriously concerned that this will destabilise our building and others as a result of major shocks from demolition and reconstruction work. We already suffer problems of subsidence in this area, and I don't think we should be adding to those right now.

Fourth, I cannot think of any justifiable reason to create such a level of disturbance in order to pull down a perfectly habitable building that is around only 50 or 60 years old. That is less than half the age of Kings Gardens.

Finally I would like to ask you to respond to the following:

'What is the justification for this project if the end results from all this is:

1. Not in keeping with the look and nature of the area,
2. A towering structure that blocks light to surrounding buildings, and
3. A woefully low standard of living for students who all seem to jump ship anyways in the first year when they realise that the marketing does not live up to the reality and that it is cheaper and better to rent privately?

We now even have a small number of students sharing rental properties in Kings Gardens because of the more generous designs and better quality of life it affords.

I cannot see how this project will be given permission. I think that the council will face major community uproar about this - especially as life as we currently know it has changed and more people will be working from home.

Yours sincerely,

