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Dear Ms English

I submitted an objection to the first iteration of the above planning application. I have now seen the revised plans, and wished to reiterate my objections. I couldn't work out a way to input them through the Camden website, so please forgive my emailing you directly.

The revised plans are, with respect, a series of minor cosmetic amendments which achieve nothing in terms of the overall horror of the application. I therefore maintain my objections for the reasons there stated.

I did wish to raise an additional matter. Camden is currently also considering a basement for 31 Willoughby Road.

There have been significant submissions in relation to the geology of the region and the impact of the basement proposal on water courses and the stability of Willow Cottages. The 33 Willow Road basement is about 30 metres away at most – so the geology is likely to be the same, and the objections in relation to 31 Willoughby Road also apply here.

I also wanted to note 15 Gayton Cres – an unlawful 4 storey rear extension, now declared so following two separate planning enquiries. The barrister owner has managed so far to avoid council enforcement action, despite the property looking like a building site for in excess of 10 years. The High Court upheld his avoidance on the basis that the side of the hill is not sufficiently stable for him to remove the unlawfully constructed rear wall. So if that is the case, it cannot be that the proposal at 33 Willow Road is safe.

This takes me to my final point. Willow Cottages is a Grade II listed building, under assault on 3 sides – 15 Gayton Crescent from the north, 31 Willoughby Road from the West, and from the south and within, with this application for 33 Willow Cottages. Camden has a legislative duty to protect the Grade II listed terrace – and this application drives a coach and horses through that protection – as does Camden's failure to act on 15 Gayton Cres, and the proposed basement in Willoughby Road.

I therefore urge Camden to reject this application completely. We all know now that once heritage is lost, we never get it back. This fine row of vernacular workers' cottages can never be replaced.

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Owner of [REDACTED] Willow Road