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Dear Rose Todd

Thank you for agreeing I can email my concern to you about the proposed upheaval the owners of houses number 1 and 2 Chester Gate, are hoping to create once again.

[REDACTED] in question and I am a [REDACTED] I rely on my patio doors being open constantly to provide fresh air. My patio overlooks the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I value the peace and quiet and lovely surroundings and am very concerned if I am about to be next to a commercial unit with ongoing coming and going of workers once it is refurbished. Let alone the horror of the noise dirt and vehicles coming and going if the work is allowed to go ahead.

We had to endure approximately 3 years of noise and dust from the refurbishment of these properties and they are in pristine condition now, having been cared for while empty. There seems no reason to change from residential to business premises at this stage in time. My fear is for tax evasion reasons they will continue to do this with properties that remain unsold, to reduce their tax bill. So it can happen again and again....!

It is agreed there will be an over abundance of vacant offices since the pandemic made companies realise working remotely is satisfactory. The country is short of residential homes, not short of office space.

There is no security for me with my doors open to my patio and various workmen will once again have access and will realise how vulnerable we are here with no gate to the rear of our properties. Access is all too easy and there have been break-ins recently in the Mews.

I am concerned about lorries and vehicles coming and going plus the noise and dirt created of walls and floors being broken down once again. The removal of debris will also mean large lorries again.

Only last week a road maintenance vehicle narrowly missed a cyclist in the Outer Circle as he drove his lorry at a speed to end of Chester Gate and over the white line into the path of the cyclist. A serious accident was narrowly avoided.

Furthermore, when the properties were refurbished to the current condition, there was concern over ground movement as measurements were constantly being taken of the structure of the building. How much banging can the structure and surrounding land take?. The Victorian tiles in the area adjacent have cracked, I am sure with age but also with the vibration of the building work.

Please think very carefully before you allow people who do not live in Camden to disturb the peaceful enjoyment of our lovely surroundings.

I will send you a picture from my mobile, of how near my patio is to the side of the two houses in question.

Kind regards

