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58D Fellows Road  
London NW3 3LJ

9th January 2021

Planning Department  
London Borough of Camden  
Confidential  
5 Pancras Square  
London N1C 4AG

Attention: Planning Dept.  
Ref.: 58a Fellows Road  
London NW3 3LJ  
Dear Planning Department,

We have yet to receive any formal notice from Camden of an application for planning permission on 58a Fellows Road. If an application has been filed one expects to receive notification from Camden with the opportunity to lodge objections. Hence please consider this an initial objection while we await the opportunity to respond to Camden's expected notification once an application has been processed and notices sent to relevant parties.

We write with respect to the applicant representative's letter dated 16th December 2020 received just three days before Christmas. Unfortunate timing as the representative must appreciate that relevant parties are either normally occupied or away during the Christmas break and so less likely to be informed in time, nor able to obtain advice and assistance on forming objections during the Christmas break. Given the previous missing notices reported below one may question how this reflects on the application.

While writing we are compelled to note that the same applicant residing nearby has keys to both the common front door and garden flat entrance door, including access to all mail on the side counter. This is of concern since none of the tenants at 58 Fellows Road received a notice in the post a few years ago of the application for planning permission for 56a Fellows Road from Camden Council. We learned only from subsequent enquiry after it was granted that Camden would have posted prior notifications to each of us of a planning application. Nor did we receive any notification from the applicant. Additionally, we understand the council would have placed notices of the planning application on the adjacent street posts which the tenants of 58 Fellows Road should have seen. Unaccountably they were apparently removed by someone when they were presumably placed so that the residents of 58 Fellows Road did not see them. The residents are always attentive to such notices on our very nearby street posts.

As a semi-retired Consultant Psychotherapist in NHS Psychiatry, including three decades in Child and Family Psychiatry, I take an active interest in public concerns. I have, for example, successfully brought

and won cases at the Appeal Court and UK Supreme Court on major public interest matters. You may understand that I am very concerned about a matter that could affect our own home and building. Since the previous adjacent works a number of things have become apparent. Please note the following objections.

Initial Objections:

1.)

Especially pertinent, the High Speed Rail Link (HS2) tunnel route under London has been approved. It quite literally runs directly under our building, 58 Fellows Road, which is of course particularly relevant to digging another full floor down below ground into the earth creating a basement floor residence right above the new HS2 High Speed Rail Link tunnel. Digging further underground, disturbing and changing the building foundations over the forthcoming massive tunnel works directly below the property will make the building more subject to the effect of underground vibrations. Further regular ground vibrations however dampened will continue for years then with trains running through the tunnel. Undermining and reducing the building's solid earthen base can only add to the building's exposure to the years the tunnel will be operating. Over 120 years old, this classic Victorian house and its foundations were not made to withstand such undermining.

Excavating a full floor deeper into the ground directly over the approved new tunnel that is in the process of being built is seriously misadvised. Such an excavation and subterranean living is a badly advised development, much less for residents living that much closer to the trains running through it for decades to come.

2.)

The excavation works creating an underground basement floor at 56a Fellows Road caused extended long open visible cracks throughout 58 Fellows Road semi-detached building's brick walls, into all three floors, as well as distorting a number of the 120 year old door and window frames on the first, second and third floors of the adjacent building. New cracks continue to develop and open to this day as another recent surveyor's examination has shown. It continues to distort doors and windows frames that have to be reworked to open and close properly. Such massive works into the very foundation mitigates against the classic building lasting another hundred years without major structural works and repeated repairs.

The works at 56a went on for nearly a year, with pounding noise and vibrations resounding throughout the building from jackhammers pounding deep into the building's hard earthen base and foundations, as well as mechanical power diggers. Removing the entire base under the building's base and foundations, producing extremely heavy vibrations and intense noise, throughout. The full effect on a 120 year old Victorian house and its foundations over the new HS2 High Speed Rail Link tunnel is not predictable.

3.)

The previous nearly year long 56a works pounding, intense vibrations and noise was extremely perturbing to the elderly residents on each floor of 58 Fellows Road, and particularly unbearable for the retired teacher in flat B. These residents are mainly home all day and should not be subject to such prolonged disturbance.

4.)

The application embodies a distortion of the classic Victorian building's rear face, common to all the road's Victorian semi-detached buildings, and gardens. The underground extension, misleadingly described as just a "lightwell," is a misnomer for a large extended concrete subterranean eyesore that does not fit either with the Victorian building itself or other building's on the road. Its subsequent extension further back into the garden with another half subterranean level continues the aesthetically inharmonious distortion of the classic Victorian rear face of the building and garden.

5.)

Creating a full story rear extension behind the classic Victorian building is a clear distortion of the Victorian building's shape, size and appearance. Contrary to the similar semi-detached buildings lining the road the

rear extension does not befit the victorian architecture. The subterranean extension into the garden and the first floor building extension violates the Victorian architecture common to the road's buildings. The classic age and style should be preserved.

If and when a planning application is made for 58 Fellows Road please provide full details, opportunity and forms to all of the resident's to formally lodge objections by post and email.

With thanks for your concerned attention,

Yours sincerely,  
Elliott Stranger