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3A Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead, NW3 – Garden Room Cube

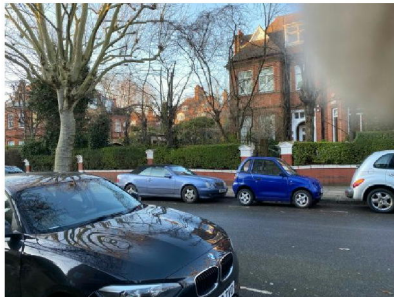
Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been asked to submit a planning application to Camden Council for the erection of a *Viking Cube* Garden Room in the garden of 3A Lyndhurst Gardens.

My client suffers from Young Onset Parkinson's Disease and was advised by her Neurophysiology Consultant last year to create a stress free quiet space in which to relax, when her symptom levels became problematic for her. Please refer to the Consultant's confirmation letter following.

In order to create this space, my client purchased a *Viking Cube* Garden Room & erected it in her garden, not realising that Planning Permission would be required for such a small structure.

As you will see from the photograph below, which I requested my client take from across the street, the Garden Room is fairly unobtrusive, even in winter months when the trees are bare.



However, following correspondence last month, with Raymond Yeung, planning enforcement officer for Camden Council, we have been advised to seek planning permission for it. Initially he requested that we paint the structure brown to allow it to blend in & be less noticeable, but subsequently changed his mind & requested that we dismantle the structure & seek planning permission to relocate it further back in the garden, so that it is not noticeable from the street.

Being based in the Highlands of Scotland, I am not personally aware of planning procedures in England. Up here, this type of installation would be deemed as permitted development and would be dealt with and decided upon within a maximum of 2 weeks. Therefore I would appreciate if the assigned planning officer would email me with a likely timeframe for this application decision to be returned.

This is important to know, as the contractor who erected the Garden Room has stated that he would prefer to take it down & erect it in the authorised position on the same day. He cannot guarantee that the panels of the structure would not warp, nor that the internal finishes would not be adversely

affected whilst being stacked & stored outdoors, even for a short period of time, during this damp winter period.

Apart from that, taking it down for a long period of time would likely be detrimental to the health of my client, as she would no longer have her quiet space.


We would be happy to paint it brown in its current location if the planning procedure is likely to be lengthily.

Please advise.

Regards

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Dear Mr Yeung,

I am writing to you to make you aware of the medical circumstances surrounding my patient Gillian Lacey-Solymar.

She has had Young Onset Parkinson's Disease for eight years and recently it has worsened significantly. Last year the condition necessitated brain surgery. Electrodes are inserted into the centre of the brain, a procedure known as DBS – deep brain stimulation. It is important for you to understand that this can have serious limbic consequences, meaning that the stress-related response is particularly prevalent in DBS patients. Strong emotional and physical effects are often felt by patients. This is beyond their control and tends to begin with symptoms such as an inability to speak and move.

I advise all patients of mine with Parkinson's to avoid stress and particularly to make the time to be by themselves absorbed in an activity they love. I was very pleased to note that she had made significant progress when I saw her recently. I am clear that this was in no small part due to her being able to relax with her painting away from other members of the household. This is especially important at this juncture when stress levels are unnaturally high due to Mrs Lacey-Solymar's mother having passed away. (My patient told me that she had discussed this with you).

I am deeply concerned for her physical and psychological well-being. Clearly, she is very distressed that you have ordered her to remove what she calls the 'glass box'. I recognise that this is not a medical issue for you. However, my patient has the impression that you may have discretion in this matter. She indicated that she had initially been told that despite complaints from the neighbour she would be allowed to keep her new painting space on condition that she made minor changes. If there is such discretion, I do urge you to use it in this instance on account of her medical condition. My patient is very vulnerable and my view is that to exacerbate this is highly inadvisable.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Carla Cordivari