

**Laura Hazelton**

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Dear Ms. Hazelton,

We are local residents who live at 1 Windmill Hill just up the road from 111 Frogna! and we are writing in support of Zoe and Merlins' planning and listed building application for their repair to the cellar and ground floor at 111 Frogna!, 2021/3083/P. This is a further support letter to our one sent in June.

We have visited Merlin, Zoe Max and Rivers family home on many occasions and the house was extremely run down and needed updating and renovating. We know from spending lots of time with this family how much they cherish their home and have invested most of their time and energy over the last four years researching its patchwork history and working out how to renovate the house in the most sensitive way. Given that the house had largely been demolished in the 1960s, a lot of their designs are about reinstating elements of the original buildings which had been lost in its bad conversion.

The designs Zoe and Merlin have drawn up for this dilapidated building will be a great asset both to the listed building itself and the wider conservation area and any extra area they have proposed is both modest and has been carefully considered so as not to cause any harm to the historic fabric or wider conservation area. On the contrary, the works will materially improve the appearance, the living standards within, the structural stability of the house and will create a loved home for a cherished local family.

The works to the cellar and ground floor which involved removing backfill and retaining the brick walls were instructed by their engineer and have also reinstated the original stable floor level which is the only visible part of these works and a huge heritage benefit. The cellar is under their house and not visible or accessible, and yet have supported the precious historic asset above, this is clearly works which is only of benefit to the character and stability of the house.

At the time Zoe and Merlin were very worried about the house's stability and living there with their one year old. They took immediate action based on advice from their engineer, and have now come to the council to regularise these works of their own volition as they did not know at the time.

We have seen the cellar as repaired and it is accessed in the same way as before, from the outside and via a ladder and is not a basement, but just storage space under the house.

This young family and the listed building are suffering from this long process for works which ultimately are of demonstrable benefit. We hope Camden supports these applications for these repair works for the benefit of the listed building, this young family and so that other very beneficial renovations can resume on site.

Kind Regards,

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