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Thanks

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Dear Kate,

I have become aware of Freshwater's application to Camden Council to 'add' a layer/floor to Howitt Close - a building that is 1930's in construction I believe.

It is unfathomable to me how structurally they would even propose to do this safely to an old building. Beyond that how they propose to do this without rendering the 43 current flats unliveable for a significant period whilst creating mayhem in what is a tightly packed residential community.

Whilst I recognise there has historically been a housing shortage, actually the value of our flats has declined recently so this makes no sense from a commercial perspective either. Beyond that the massive disruption to the entire neighborhood is unthinkable. Noise pollution, dirt, lost earnings from working from home leaseholders, lost income from rent for those who are landlords. Freshwater may ultimately make a profit for themselves but it will be the current owners and our community who foot the bill. This transfer of social cost to a 3rd party (the leaseholders), for the benefit of a private individual is exactly what good government should prevent.

And all this after an extraordinary period of challenge for ordinary people during lockdowns and the pandemic. Unfortunately we are not surprised given Freshwater's capricious attitude of past.

This planning permission must be rejected by Camden Council. The tax payers in our borough do not deserve to foot the bill so a private company not based in the borough can profiteer from misery.

Kind regards,

Eleanor Prescott
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