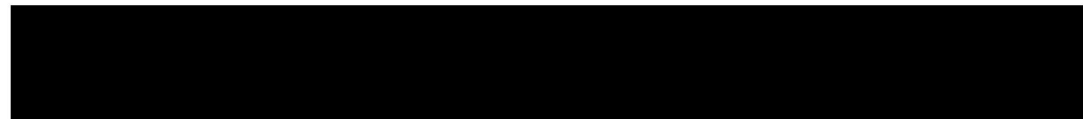


Subject: Reference 2021/3839P Howitt Close



Dear Ms Henry

In reference to the above, I write to set out my deep misgivings. Apologies for slight lateness but I was not around earlier.

Whilst overall I am in favour of enhancing the Borough and providing good affordable accommodation and of people enhancing their homes, forgive me for being unsupportive here. My reasons which I shall be grateful if you will give due consideration:

1. I feel strongly that the Borough should preserve its characteristics. As with other sites in the area (Isokon, for example, the art studios along the road and in the area generally), this is a period Art Deco block in a conservation area. The proposed additions are not in keeping with Art Deco, are not even in keeping with adjoining sites and would detract from the appearance of the building.
2. Over the years I have noted the council planning committee refuses permission to many loft extensions- depending on building line/ precedent etc. Why is this one different? It is driven by freeholder profit motive and as such needs even greater scrutiny.
3. This penthouse development is neither affordable for those seeking homes at reasonable prices, nor logical. The building has no lift, which for a 3rd floor is impractical, will require a lot of work to achieve address add to congestion in the area with deliveries, vehicles and yet more people using overcrowded services. We already have many flats in the area. Surely you should be encouraging services infrastructure before adding more dwellings in the narrow roads here?
4. I live on this road. It is crowded enough; don't add burden that could go elsewhere.

For the avoidance of doubt these comments would have been made had I not lived here but had been asked to consider the issues.

Please reflect very hard with the committee before approving this application. Those of us who care for the Borough really feel the investment should be in services and existing structures not adding overly expensive penthouses.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss

Kind regards

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