

Subject: FW: Serious concerns about planning permissions

Planning Committee
Camden Council
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Dear Sirs

I am writing to lodge a formal objection to the proposed building consent for inappropriate internal alterations for a heritage listed building at 30 Hampstead High Street. This email represents the strong concerns of the resident owners/ neighbouring occupiers of the three flats above the shop at 30 Hampstead High Street.

We understand that Camden's planning policy requires that **planning permission is required for the installation of a bar inside the premises of what will be a large restaurant and what was previously a shoe shop** .

Please note that it would seem that alternations are already occurring even though:

- a) the building consultant instructed to assess the structural suitability of a restaurant / wine bar in a heritage listed building is still examining the building and
- b) that one of the conditions by the council board for granting the alcohol and music license was that acoustic testing has to occur **before** any renovations and stripping of existing fittings is undertaken and then again afterwards to check that the right materials have been installed. The acoustic building consultant has stated that he needs to check the sound levels BEFORE the removal of the original internal walls and floor coverings.

These conditions were agreed to and noted in the recorded hearing on Tuesday 9th November.

I noted in our previous emails to the council and in our representation the alcohol and music license hearing that Café Brera is in fact installing a bar despite their claims that Café Brera is simply a family restaurant and their claim that that alcohol only represents 10% of their drinks sales. Their proposed opening hours are **7 am to 10 pm 7 days a week with music, alcohol** and large numbers of tables both inside and outside the premises. At Brera's other locations their advertise a regular happy hour, alcohol and music-based events and they serve alcohol during all their opening hours!

Evidence for our claim is attached in the form of several screen shots from Café Brera's own website and social media platforms. They have also just advertised on social media for an experienced bartender. The relevant screen shots are taken from their other branches. However, their own website and the social media websites refer also to

Hampstead opening soon, indicating the same business model and similar events will follow. We are happy to provide further information if required.

As this is a 200 year old building , heritage 2 listed, in an historical residential area, the owners of the three flats above the business are extremely anxious about what internal structural alterations are being undertaken without due consideration of the structure and the purpose.

Warmly
Geraldine Bloustien

