From: Alan Wito

Sent: 13 December 2021 16:46
To: Planning Planning

Subject: FW: Objection to Planning Application 2021/4365/L

Please log as an objection to this application.

Alan Wito Senior Planner (Conservation)



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From: Gerry Bloustien

Sent: 09 December 2021 02:57

To: Alan Wito

Subject: Objection to Planning Application 2021/4365/L

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Dear Alan Wito

I am following up my email exchange with you on November 15th concerning the new development for 30 Hampstead High Street. As we discussed then, the building is grade II listed and the application is for listed building consent (ref: 2021/4365/L) for the physical alterations to the ground floor and basement which as well as the external signage.

We already formally submitted our concerns to the council but as we haven't heard anything we are reiterating them here. We therefore wish to repeat our strong objections on the grounds that the planned alterations will not preserve the special interest of the listed building. We are emphasizing again our concerns that the applicant is proceeding despite the fact that the premises will be a change of use to a bar which would require a separate planning application.

The outcome of the separate licensing application for music and alcohol entailed several major conditions which had to be met by the applicant before building alterations could proceed. These conditions included the testing of noise levels by a qualified acoustic engineer before any renovation work could begin.

We still have not received the final report from the hearing and are concerned on the advice received from building acoustic consultants that these noise levels MUST be accurately measured BEFORE work commences. Furthermore, the alterations must be overseen by a building inspector again according to the conditions laid out in the hearing.

Our flat is on the second floor above the café in question. The addition of a bar beneath one of our bedrooms (which we also use as our study /office) and beneath our living room will affect us greatly as the noise generated by drinkers and other customers (both inside and outside the building on the footpath will create a personal and public nuisance. The planned early and late operating hours under rooms where people may wish to study/ work or go to sleep before closing time is unacceptable.

To repeat, the building itself is Grade 11 listed and is totally inappropriate for conversion to a hospitality venue. As our fellow resident owners have already pointed out, the proposed alterations will degrade the structure and fabric of the building. This is an historic building and such alterations will undoubtedly destroy the historic integrity of the building which Camden council has a major responsibility and commitment to uphold and respect.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Geraldine Bloustien