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South Kentish Town Conservation Area

Planning application 2022/0068/P

57 Camden Road

(Please note that this west side of Camden Town is to become part of South Kentish Town ward in May.)

We have worked actively with Camden Broadway Conservation Area since its creation 15 years ago.

The row of shops Nos.180-184 Royal College Street face Camden Broadway are part of the Conservation Area. We have engaged Councillors in protecting the front areas of local shops in relation to public areas.

The entrance to the basement of 57 Camden Road is at a significant position. The land in front used to be road, with an island where formerly stood Camden Town's first public fountain and where later a public toilet was built.

It was surfaced in the 2000s but has become neither pleasant nor useful - a design challenge that the Council has failed.

THIS SECTION OF CAMDEN TOWN IS NOT THE HIGH STREET OR MARKET. It is residential. Two alleys have been created just a few doors up Camden Road and the former public toilet has been allowed to become another bar. There are well-established (and well-run) pubs nearby at the Old Eagle and the Colonel Fawcett.

It would be damaging to the character of the area to allow this basement to increase neighbourhood alcohol consumption further and, in this locality with high social deprivation, contrary to Camden Council's wider objective of reducing health inequalities.