

Rafi Miah

OBJECTION 2022/1817/P RNIB Building Judd St

Hello Patrick,

BRAG objects strongly to the above Planning application for the RNIB building. The addition of 2 storeys plus a roof plant is excessive, extremely visible in the public realm, intrusive to other Listed buildings next door and in and around Judd St and completely out of keeping with its surroundings in this historical Conservation Area. One can take as a good guideline the refurbishment of the Town Hall virtually across road, which has chosen NOT to add height and storeys to the top but rather to refurbish and restore historic fabric with care and - 'preserve' 'enhance' and 'improve'- these principles set out clearly in Camden's own April 2011 "Appraisal & Management Strategy". Moreover, this application involves plans for unnecessary demolition rather than refurbishment, which goes against the Government's new Planning Guidelines, which now strongly favours 'Refurbishment' to demolition for obvious reasons. During the webinar developers mentioned the high ceilings on 2 floors as a positive aspect yet now plan demolition. With ownership of such a building, opposite the Town Hall and surrounded by the line of Listed homes in Judd St and Thanet St, in this historical Conservation Area, comes great responsibility. The massing, height, even plans for street clutter to interrupt the line of the street and the demolition is completely unacceptable.

FYI, BRAG has posted straight onto the Camden portal as well.

Kind Regards,
Marianne
BRAG committee