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Planning Application 2021/3839/P and 3635/PP Howitt Close Howitt Road NW3

Dear Planning Department

I have reviewed the above revised application. Please note my view as a resident of Howitt Road is that the changes to the first application are not material enough to overcome the the initial objection upheld by Camden Council, namely that the additional floor is obstructive and dominating. This still has the effect of destroying the balance of this rare earlier 20th Century structure which is one of the few remaining characteristic heritage styles typical of the neighbourhood. I submit that preservation of the Belsize heritage for future generations outweighs the relatively small advantage to be gained by adding such high priced homes that are likely to be purchased by investors for rents which are not affordable for hardworking local people. The damage to the unique character of the neighbourhood would not be outweighed by this relatively small number of additional homes. This would be an unsightly blight on the views at the end of this period street.

Accordingly as a resident who appreciates and values the special Belsize environment, I ask you to reject this latest opportunistic application.

Sincerely Jonathan Kropman 54 Howitt Road NW3 4LJ