

Application Number: 2022/3694/P

Associated Application Number: 2022/4547/L

Dear Mr Fitzpatrick,

I am writing to lodge an objection to the plans to excavate a basement below the recently demolished garages connected to "The Lodge" (Studio 13) and extending this basement beneath Studio 12. I live directly across the street from this site and approving this application will have a detrimental effect on my life and well being. Like many people in the area I now work from home and am on regular calls. The noise and disruption to my work will be extensive as my study directly faces the proposed building works. If this work goes ahead I may need to find an alternative space to work which will cost me both time and money.

Combining two houses for a family's use doesn't seem appropriate when there is such a shortage of housing in Camden. New building in Camden should provide more housing for residents, rather than provide such a large space for two individuals, causing major disruption to a residential area.

The proposal changes the nature of the historic listed buildings from two artisan studios to one over-large residential unit. In addition, the demolition of the complete interiors of both houses is contrary to listed building rules and intentions, as it does not protect the buildings at all.

This extensive basement excavation will wreak havoc with local amenities such as electrics, underground water courses, internet connections etc. It will destabilise adjacent houses and set a precedent. Local residents face at least two years of misery due to the noise, dust, mud, constant traffic of large lorries and blockages to the street when deliveries are made.

The architect for this development, Jamie Fobert, recently caused terrible disruption when his big project at 1 Fitzroy Road lasted a very long time, resulting in one family actually selling their property and moving out as they couldn't take the mayhem any longer. He seems to have little regard for the local residents around his projects and I have no reason to believe he will act any differently with this project.

The applicants have taken a great deal of time and trouble to try to pressure me and the rest of the neighbourhood into not opposing the application. However, I strongly oppose it for the reasons given above.

I hope that the Camden Planners will do the right thing and refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,

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