

Charlotte Meynell, Planning Officer

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Dear Ms Meynell

**Re Planning Applications for 28 Church Row, NW3 6UP - 2022/3772/P & 2022/4337/L**

The above applications seek to change the use of the first floor of 28 Church Row, listed Grade II\*, from office to residential and at the same time asks for approval for some “associated internal alterations”. The building is part of an important group of eight houses built on the south side of Church Row by Richard Hughes in 1713, making it Queen Anne. The group of buildings are without parallel in Camden.

The planning applications don’t give proper consideration as to how the “associated internal alterations” will impact the pine wood panelling, cornices, fireplaces or flooring. In particular the applicant is seeking to install a new kitchen on top of a three-hundred-year-old panelled and corniced room with fireplace. Without proper details it is difficult to see how this isn’t going to cause irreparable harm to the listed asset. Worryingly the applicant states that “The listing for no. 28 refers only to its exterior”<sup>1</sup> and by implication that it doesn’t apply to its interior.

The applicant should be required to submit a proper assessment of the interior together with detailed plans for the kitchen and other “associated internal alterations” with sufficient details for all interested parties to assess. If this is done by way of further submissions (rather than a new application) Camden Council should notify interested parties (using the e-mail alert system) and give appropriate time for comment.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely

David Milne

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<sup>1</sup> See page one of the document described on Camden Council’s planning portal entry for 2022/3772/P as the “Planning Statement”.