

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/5281/P	Jack Bond	31/01/2023 12:18:08	INT	<p>I have lived in Kentish Town my entire life and the majority of my life I lived right beside the West Kentish Town Estate.</p> <p>I am in favour of more council homes being built and for efforts to be made to reduce overcrowding in Camden. As a result of a lack of council homes and affordable homes, I am the only one of my two cousins who still lives in Kentish Town. All the rest of my cousins (10+) moved out of the area because it is unaffordable.</p> <p>I was therefore deeply concerned to read that only 13 new council homes will be built if KTW estate is redeveloped. I am concerned that the West Kentish Town Estate will include affordable and market housing rather than just council homes. I realise the response would be that affordable and market housing will help offset the cost of council homes, but council homes do generate income for the council.</p> <p>I am also concerned that the KTW redevelopment isn't part of an integrated housing plan for the area. My sister, her husband and two children live on the top floor of my parents' house. My sister was born and raised in Kentish Town and wants to stay close to her family and friends but it is unaffordable to move out. They would like to build a loft conversion to have more living space but have been told this would not be granted. It seems wrong to not have an approach which helps families stay in Kentish Town. In addition, this would be a loft conversion which does not increase the number of floors on the house. Which is worth noting when the KTW estate redevelopment involves some properties which are 14 stories high.</p> <p>It would seem sensible for Camden's policy to allow officers to act with more discretion - taking into account the wider context - in this instance, a 14 story development being built metres away from my family's home.</p> <p>I submitted a similar response to the West Kentish Town consultation but it appears not to have been uploaded.</p>
