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Dear Sir

I'm afraid that the Council will not be able accept your Deputation Request as it would be in breach of our Committee procedures which state that "The Committee will only accept deputations from people or organisations that have a planning related interest that could be affected directly by the matter under consideration...."

This does not appear to apply to yourself or your organisation in respect of this application.

Thank you for your co-operation

Aidan Brookes

Principal Lawyer

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Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING APPLICATION - ATHLONE HOUSE -- CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT- 2009/3422/CC AND 2009/3413/P -- DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE -- 8 APRIL 2010

I am writing to request a deputation to speak in opposition to the above planning and conservation area consent applications at the Development Control Committee on 8 April 2010 listed for hearing at 7.00 pm. I am also a resident in Camden and am on the Electoral Role for the above address and therefore have an automatic right to present a deputation under the Standing Orders, irrespective of any other objections regarding standing etc.

This is further to my previous objections made in respect of the proposed demolition of Athlone House and the replacement plans for a large residential residence to be built in its place. Athlone House clearly does make a "positive contribution" to the Highgate Conservation Area and adjacent Heath area, and its demolition would be positively harmful to the Highgate Conservation Area.

The building is an imposing red brick one with gables, turrets and extensive and attractive stone frames surrounding the gothic style windows on all sides of the building. There is also an attractive green roof over a sun lounge on the south side and also an attractive clock tower, and the entrance tower is clearly impressive, with attractive use of stonework above the entrances. Some photographs that were taken when the original schemes for refurbishment were made back in 2003 are enclosed, that clearly illustrate the "positive contribution" nature of the building.

Whilst the building isn't listed, it still is an attractive and well-proportioned building, and doesn't have to have listed status or be an exceptional building to be capable of making a "positive contribution", and thereby attracting the protection of the relevant tests set out in PPG 15 to justify demolition.

The report of Dr. Mervyn Miller appears to seek to argue that a "positive contribution" building must be of listable status and unique and have exceptional features before it can qualify as a "positive contribution" building.

