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Ashley Niman,
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Dear Ashley Niman,

Re: Application P101448, Northview, N7 0QB.

I have recently spoken to some of the residents from Northview and they have told me of their concerns about the latest application from their freeholder. I understand that the application is due to be considered by the Planning Sub-committee on 29th September. Concern was expressed about the inadequacy of the consultation process and it was suggested, in view of the widespread opposition to the proposals, that the matter should be considered by the full Planning Committee, or at least deferred to a later Sub-committee meeting to allow for a site visit and discussions with the residents.

I believe that the point has already been made that Northview is an example of 1930s "village green" architecture, complementing the Holloway Odeon and similar buildings in Mercers Road and Tavistock Terrace.

The new development would add an extra storey to the larger of the two existing blocks. This would not only irrevocably damage the appearance, the original deco features and the community feel of the present buildings, but it would also place kitchens, living and dining rooms above the bedrooms of the existing flats. There would be no increase in affordable housing, family homes or units accessible to disabled people, and the existing residents would suffer noise nuisance and a loss of outlook and natural light.

I support the residents in their opposition to these plans. I trust that further time will be given to allow proper consideration of the proposals in the light of the full facts and the views of local people.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Corbyn