

Subject: Development Management Policies

Vijaya,

I am very concerned about the proposed change to the Development Management Policies (DMP E4, paragraph 2.8.1).

In particular I feel it is very important to keep the following existing wording:

Flat conversions must therefore be situated in appropriate locations characterised by housing that has already undergone significant conversions or redevelopment to flatted accommodation. Conversions in roads characterised by unconverted houses will not normally be appropriate. Where conversions are acceptable any external alternations should seek to minimise their impact on the external appearance of the house and local character.

Many of the roads around West Finchley are characterised by pre-1914 and pre-1930s 3-4 bedroom family houses. It is vital that any new conversions in this area maintain the external appearance of the house and local character. Furthermore, it is not appropriate to allow flat conversions in roads that are characterised by unconverted houses as this would radically change the family-friendly suburban character of the area. It would also put excessive pressure on parking and exacerbate the already acute shortage of quality family housing in Barnet.

Kind regards,

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