

**Subject:** Proposed Changes to the Development Management Policies

Dear Mrs Ram

I am writing to voice my very strong opposition to the proposal to allow more family homes to be converted into flats in West Finchley. I am shocked and appalled by this scheme, which will have nothing but negative consequences for our community and the quality of life for residents of West Finchley.

We should be striving to preserve the family-oriented nature of West Finchley and its historic housing and built landscape. We should be striving to reduce, rather than increase, the burden on our roads, public transport, parking, schools and all other local services, which are already stretched to the limit and will not cope with the introduction of multiple additional households as family homes become flats.

I have lived in Finchley all my life and am now raising my young family here and I absolutely do not want the nature of Finchley to change in this way. I cannot think of a single reason why this would be considered, as the only benefit will be to development companies who only care about profit, not about the community, the people and the way of life in Finchley. This scheme would damage our neighbourhood and is completely unacceptable.

I find it extraordinary that Barnet Council claims to be "Putting the Community First" and then outlines a scheme that puts the community last and profit-making developers first.

Yours sincerely,

Loveday Langton