

Subject: Formal Objection to Planning Application – Proposed Barrier at Rear Access (Adams Mews)

Dear Planning Officer,

We write to formally object to the planning application proposing the installation of a barrier at the rear access of our vehicle repair garage, exiting onto Adams Mews towards Truro Road.

Firstly, we wish to state that we have never received any communication, notification, or consultation regarding this planning application. Given that this proposal directly affects our business operations, safety arrangements, and emergency access, it is concerning that no prior engagement or consultation has taken place.

Our business has operated from these premises for over 30 years. The proposed barrier would have serious safety, operational, and regulatory consequences. We respectfully request that Haringey Council refuses this application on the following grounds:

1. Fire Safety - Rear Exit Is a Designated Fire Exit

The rear access serves as a designated fire and emergency exit for our premises. Installing a barrier would obstruct a critical escape route in the event of fire or other emergency, placing staff and customers at serious risk. Any obstruction to a fire exit is a major safety concern and may conflict with fire safety regulations.

2. Emergency Vehicle Access

The rear access provides essential access for emergency services where required. Blocking or restricting this access could delay fire brigade, ambulance, or other emergency responders from entering or exiting the premises safely.

3. Operational Layout - Access Required for Vehicle Movement

Our garage uses both the front entrance (High Road) and the rear access (Adams Mews) for vehicle entry and exit. Due to the nature of our operations, vehicle movements rely on continuous and unrestricted access at the rear. Blocking this access would severely disrupt vehicle flow, create safety hazards within the site, and prevent the proper operation of the garage.

4. Established Use for Over 30 Years

The rear access has been continuously used for over three decades. Previous garages operating from this site, including Clee Brothers and Eagle Speed, used the same rear access arrangement. Currently, Max Auto Ltd continues to rely on this established access. This long-standing and consistent use demonstrates that the rear access is integral to the lawful operation of the premises.

5. DVSA MOT Station Approval

We are an authorised MOT testing station approved by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA). The layout and operation of the premises, including the availability of the rear access, form part of the conditions under which our MOT approval has been granted. Blocking the rear exit could jeopardise our MOT licence and our ability to operate legally.

6. Blocking the Rear Exit Creates Serious Safety Risks

Installing a barrier would:

- Obstruct emergency evacuation routes
- Restrict emergency vehicle access
- Create vehicle congestion and on-site safety hazards

- Place staff, customers, and neighbouring properties at risk
- 7. **Inaccurate Planning Drawings**
The submitted planning drawings incorrectly show a wall at the rear of our premises. This is factually incorrect — there is no such wall. The application is therefore based on inaccurate and misleading information, which calls into question the validity of the proposal. Please see the attached marked drawing picture.
- 8. **Severe Impact on an Established Local Business**
Approval of this barrier would significantly harm a long-established local business serving the community for over 30 years. It would threaten employment, reduce availability of local MOT and repair services, and cause unnecessary economic damage.

For all the reasons above particularly fire safety concerns, emergency access obstruction, established lawful use, inaccurate drawings, and serious operational impact - we respectfully request that this planning application be refused.

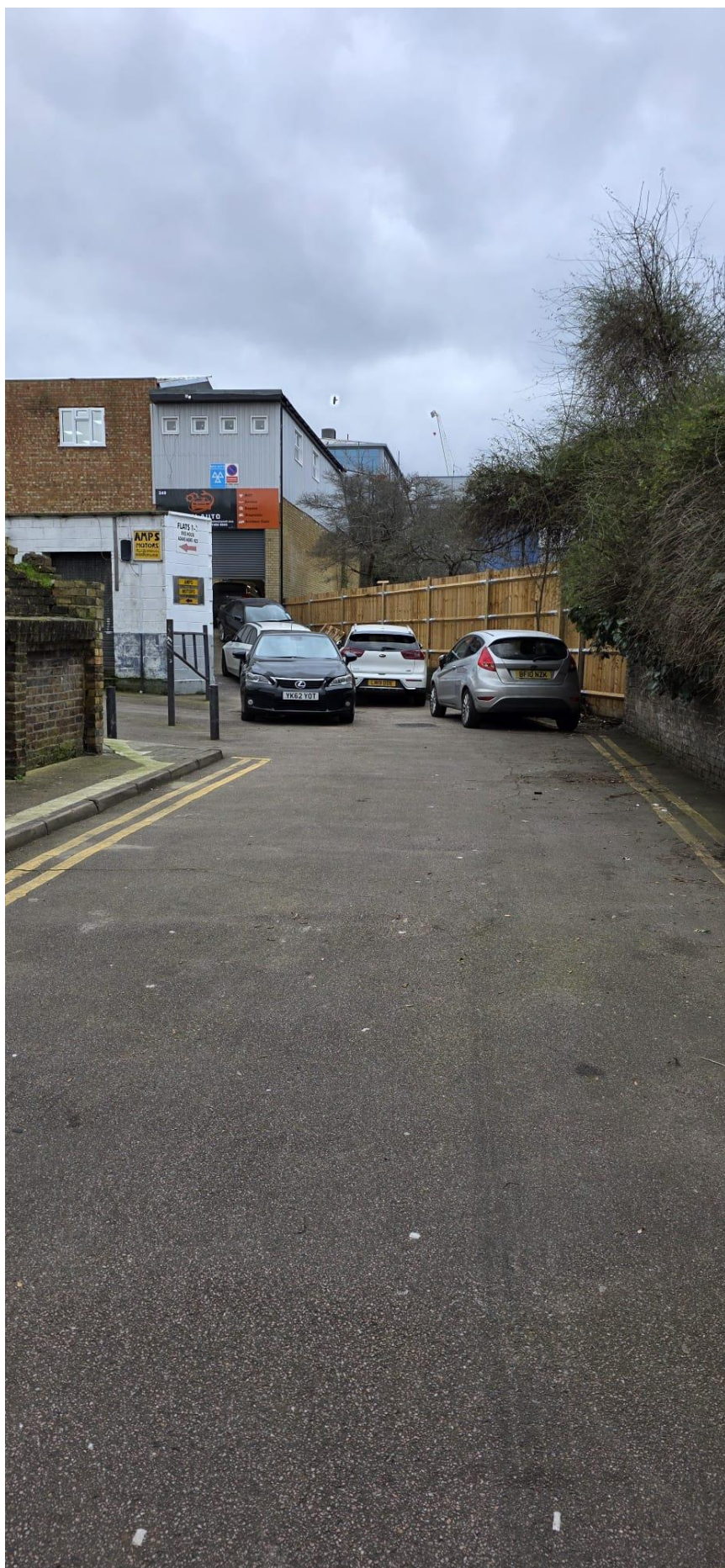
We would welcome a site visit so that the true layout and operational requirements can be properly assessed before any decision is made.

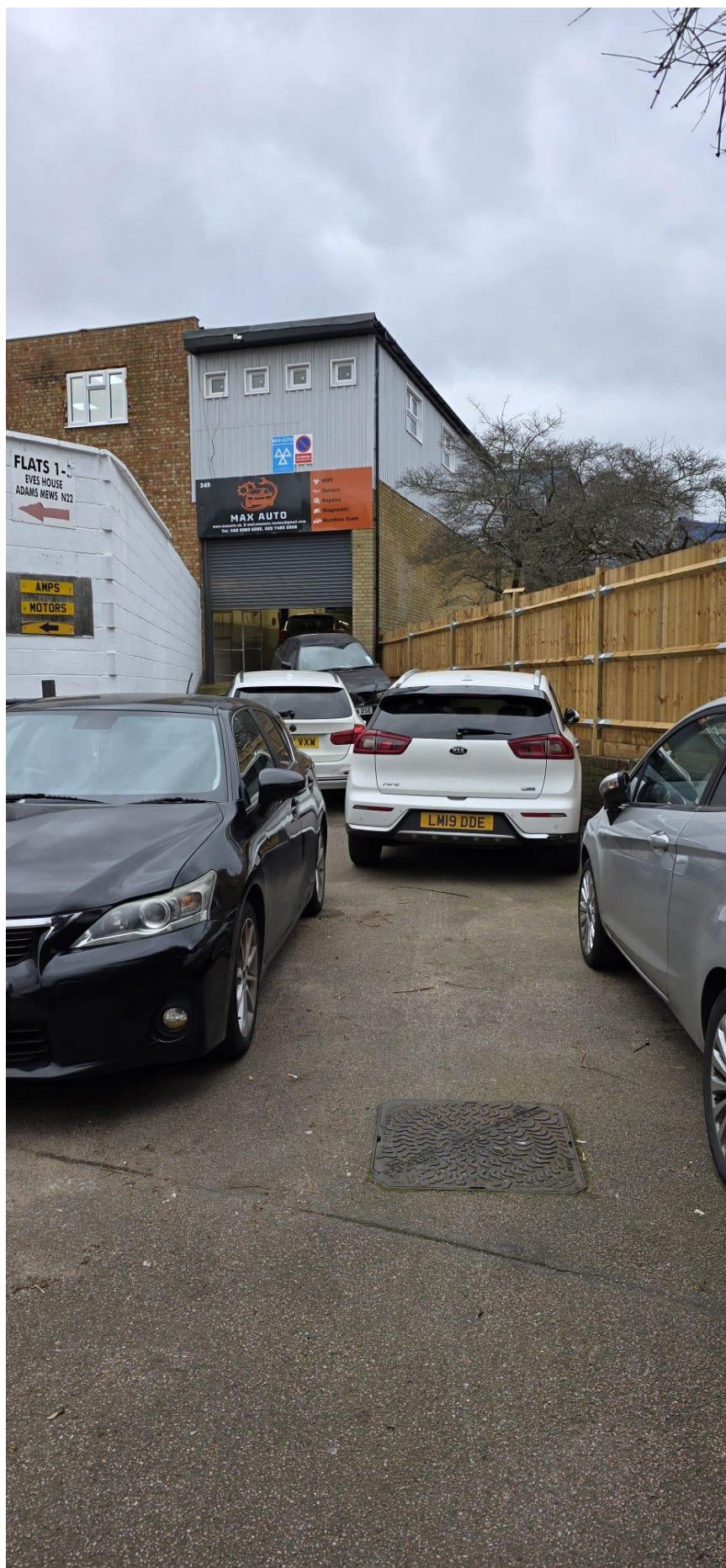
Yours faithfully,

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Fire Action



If you discover a fire

1. Shout **FIRE**
2. Operate the **FIRE ALARM**
3. Telephone **999** and report fire
Give the location **349 High Road Wood Green N12 8JA**
4. Attack fire with suitable extinguisher if you feel safe to do so



On hearing the fire alarm

1. Leave the building immediately through the nearest available exit
2. Shut all doors and windows if possible (to slow down spread of smoke)



3. Proceed to your Assembly Point

Yard entrance Street



- DO NOT** use lifts
- DO NOT** stop to collect personal belongings
- DO NOT** re-enter building until told it is safe to do so

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