

Applicant Statement – 14 Talbot Road, London N6

Dear All To whom it may concern,

We are writing in support of our application to change the use of 14 Talbot Road from three self-contained flats into one single family dwelling. We hope you can help our family re-settle in Highgate.

We are purchasing the property as our long-term family home as part of our relocation from Germany to the UK. We have three young children, Mila, aged 9, George, aged 8, and Otis, aged 3, and we are arranging for our children to attend St Michael's School in Highgate. The location of 14 Talbot Road is therefore of real practical importance to us, as it would allow our children to live close to school and establish a stable daily routine during a significant family move.

Our wider family is also based in North London, including the children's aunts, uncles and cousins who live in the local area. This family network is an important reason why we are seeking to settle in this neighbourhood. It would give our children continuity, support and a familiar family environment as they transition from life in Germany to life in the UK.

The property is currently arranged as three separate flats. That arrangement does not meet the practical needs of our family. We need one coherent family home with suitable bedrooms for the children, shared family living space, space for homework and home-working, storage, and flexibility as the children grow. We also need a home that can support ordinary family life, including visiting relatives and the possibility that our family needs may grow or change in the future.

This is not a speculative development proposal. Our intention is to create a permanent family home for our own occupation. The proposal would not intensify the use of the property. On the contrary, it would reduce the building from three separate dwellings to one family household, with fewer independent households, simpler occupation, and more straightforward servicing, refuse and day-to-day management.

We believe the proposal is a sensitive and appropriate way to bring the property into use as a high-quality family home. It would provide long-term family accommodation in a residential location, while respecting the character of Talbot Road and the wider Highgate area. We are committed to carrying out the works carefully and sensitively, and to ensuring that the property complies with all relevant planning, Building Regulations and statutory requirements.

Yours faithfully,

Anke and Yianni Tsitouras