

Subject: Formal Objection to Planning Application – Proposed Barrier at Rear Access (Adams Mews) - planning ref number: **HGY/2026/0173**

Dear Planning Officer,

We write to formally object to the planning application proposing the installation of a barrier adjacent to our house, exiting onto Adams Mews towards Truro Road. The only available entrance to our house (First Floor, 355 High Road), is through access to Adams Mews. This is also the only entrance available for our neighbours (Second Floor, 355 High Road), and is an alternative accessible entrance to Eves House, Adams Mews Flats 1-5. See images at the end of the letter.

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 the road giving us access to our house, safety arrangements, and emergency access, it is concerning that no prior engagement or consultation has taken place.

We have been residents of 355 High Road for 14 years.

We respectfully request that Haringey Council refuses this application on the following grounds:

Road Safety

- The second barrier would cause vehicles to **queue or stop in the access road**, creating a hazard to members of the public or to us residents accessing our homes.
- Vehicles waiting for the gate to open could **block visibility splays**.
- The gate location may require awkward manoeuvring near my property.
- The second barrier would prevent delivery vehicles from safely stopping near my property and other residential properties, to unload. It would also stop me or other residents stopping to unload heavy items safely nearer to the entrance of our homes.
- Larger vehicles (removals vans, furniture deliveries, trades vehicles) would be forced to:
 - Stop in unsafe positions
 - Block the access route
 - Reverse within a constrained space
 - The constrained layout means obstruction is more likely.
 - Higher risk of collisions with other cars

This increases risk to pedestrians and residents.

Obstruction to Emergency Access:

- In addition serving residential properties, the access is also used by a commercial garage operating to the rear. This use increases vehicle movements and introduces a **higher fire risk** compared to a purely residential setting. The introduction of a second controlled barrier within this constrained access arrangement increases the potential for **obstruction or delay to emergency vehicles**, particularly if vehicles are queuing between gates or if access relies on fob or manual operation.
- In the event of a **fire or medical emergency** either at my property, the residential properties mentioned at the start of the letter, or at the commercial garage premises, rapid and unobstructed access would be essential. The proposal therefore **raises concerns in public safety**.

Overbearing / Oppressive Impact

- The physical presence of another barrier adjacent to our home would feel oppressive, as the gate will be positioned in a space of only residential properties.
- It would create a visually intrusive structure directly outside our home and the other flats.
- It would **change the sense of openness of the access to our home** and the other flats.

Out of Character

- A second barrier gate is excessive and gives the mews a fortified/industrial appearance.
- It is not characteristic of similar residential mews environments.
- It introduces unnecessary urban clutter without necessary need for it.

Principle of the Development

- The introduction of a second controlled access point is unnecessary and represents overdevelopment of a small residential mews.
- It changes the nature of the access arrangement in a way that affects residential amenity.

For all reasons above, particularly fire, public, and road safety concerns, 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.

Kind regards,

Local Resident

Please see images below of properties that would have their access routes obstructed:

Our house and neighbours house:





Eves House, Adams Mews Flats 1-5:



Proposed gate area adjacent to our house and the other residential properties:



The only residential and Emergency vehicle access route:

