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AN UNPLANNED OWN GOAL FOR ARCHITECT

ONE drawback of being a high profile figure, in this case a former Arsenal "club architect" and a Spurs director, is that you can hardly plead ignorance of planning regulations.

Igal Yawetz, who describes himself as an "internationally renowned architect", has also designed a string of upmarket blocks of flats, including **West Heath Place** in Hampstead. He is currently redeveloping his own offices near the Cromwell Road into flats. But the rear of his Earl's Court project is taller than the approved plans, to the great annoyance of Bayswater art gallery owner Indar Pasricha, whose block of flats backs onto it.

"He has gone far higher than what was approved and it will cast my flat into darkness", Pasricha tells me. "Perhaps he felt that because he was so prominent and famous he would not be challenged."

But he has been. The council have told Yawetz he must make a new planning application for what he has built. This time round there will be many strong objections, and if permission is refused he will have to remove the excesses.

Igal Yawetz may now find he has scored something of a spectacular own goal here.