
From: JOHN FENNER [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 May 2023 16:03
To: Planning Planning
Subject: Planning Application 2022/5392/P

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Dear Sirs

I write in connection with the above planning application relating to Searle House and Benjamin House Cecil Grove, NW8 7EB for the construction of an extra floor and accompanying terraces on each building.

I live with my wife in our jointly owned flat at 19 Avenue Close, Avenue Road NW8 6BX. I object to the proposed construction of an extra storey on each of the above buildings. The objections on which I rely mirror those set out in the formal Objection Letter sent to you by Heather Murton of MMbuilding surveyor. I have seen and approved this letter in my capacity as Chair of Avenue Close Tenants Association Limited, the Head Lessees of the overriding long leases of the Avenue Close complex. Therefore I object personally and officially on the many grounds expressed by Heather Murton, which I have no need to repeat in detail here. I am extremely concerned about the adverse impact of such additional development on the access of light and air, overlooking, the reduction of general amenities, increased vehicular traffic and further waste issues. Residential properties in the vicinity of these two buildings will undoubtedly suffer from the proposals if implemented.

I will say that, in my opinion, strong weight should be given to the decision made when the buildings original construction was under consideration, to limit their heights. The nature of the surrounding buildings has not changed significantly over the intervening years. The arguments raised then against overdevelopment are equally relevant today. I urge the Council to refuse the application.

Regards, John Fenner OBE.