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Thanks

Elaine

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**Subject:** Objection to planned building works at Searle House Cecil Grove NW8 7EB

Hello Elaine,

My colleague and neighbour informed me that you were a good contact for me to raise my objection to the planned building works at Searle House. I believe that the plan is for 2 3 bedroom apartments to be added on top of the existing building.

When we moved to this building approx. 9-10 years ago the neighbourhood was consult on the number of floors and it was agreed that 5 floors was reasonable. I would assume that people feel the same 10 year on as they did then. Are we to be consulted on this every tens years?

There is building work going on by Broxwood Way at the moment. This is incredibly noisy and disruptive. The start before 8am and do no finish until 5pm. The noise is very stressful and I dread to think how bad it will be once its warmer and the windows are open. To think that we will have to go through again is extremely stressful and I can only imagine that it will be louder as it is much nearer. I am on the fourth floor so it will only one floor above me.

There have been issues with regards to the bins here at Searle House and Benjamin house since day one. There already seems to be too few bins for so many residents. There is litter everywhere. A Bin shed was erected a few years ago but this was an after thought and was not part of the original plan. As it is the bin shed is not big or sturdy enough to cope with the amount of people currently in residency. I do not know how this will be managed with even more people and surely this will encourage vermin, pests and smalls of which is already a problem.

Searle House is considered to be a new property but is already showing signs of decay and wear. There has been a leak at the front of the building for years. I believe this is a structural issue. Surely heaping thousands of tones on top of this already damaged building is unsafe.

Many of the tenants in this block had to live through years of building work when Guinness Court (the previous building on tis land) was demolished and Searle and Benjamin created. This must have been over 4 years. To think that we have to go through more noise, dirt and distribution is extremely disturbing.

I am on the fourth floor – My balcony is not covered as the floor above me does not go over my balcony like my flat goes over my downstairs neighbour. My balcony gets covered in litter from the flat above. I have spoken to them about this but it continues. It is mainly things like fag butts and dust from carpets when they are cleaning but it is incredibly annoying and I don't like to keep having to raise this. What I am trying to get at is that it is bad enough with one floor above my open balcony let alone another above them and god only knows what mess will come from the building works should they go ahead.

I would also like to bring up the post downstairs – letters and parcels are always left downstairs and are stolen. Surely more flat is only going to increase the risk of more people stealing parcels etc.

I see no benefit of having 2 extra flats on top of our building. All I predict is that is a greedy move on behalf of the landlords and will cause the existing residents no end of chaos, noise, dirt and distribution for years to come. The who is to say in ten years' time they won't be asking to put more flats on top of the proposed flats.

One last thing. It was only by chance that I found out about the planned works because somebody told me about the small notices pin up locally. I am usually very observant but these have passed me by. I have never received anything through the past. I wonder how many other residents here and in the local area are also unaware and who I am sure would also object.

Please do accept my objection or forward it to whomever needs to know.

Kind regards

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