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Dear Enya

Objection to 2023/2245/P

158 Drury Lane is occupied as a residential building housing owner occupiers and tenants. Many issues will affect the residents of 158 Drury Lane. Loss of light, loss of privacy, noise being just a few of the potential issues.

The roof terrace is a vital part of our apartment (especially as our apartment is very small) and the new building - particularly with the 4th floor extension - looming over the terraces would create an oppressive and depressing environment. Studies have now shown how important light is to good health and the dramatic loss of light and physical space would severely impact on the physical and mental health of the residents of 158/159. Surely any heightening of the building should require stepped-back upper storeys with a mansard roof, like many in the neighbourhood. Currently the residents of 158/159 overlook an open quadrangle and this would be changed to looking onto a vertical concrete wall.

Of great concern is the retail area of the ground floor with the associated loss of privacy to 158/159 and potential noise pollution caused by music possibly amplified by the over development of the area. This area is not short of restaurants and we believe a 8pm closing time would be more reasonable as it could still take some time for diners to leave the area. Even if the volume of music in the retail area was restricted this would be very difficult to police. Once in operation they could basically act with impunity for who would the residents complain to and how many months/years would it take for a complaint to be upheld.

Thank you,

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