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2023/2401/P	Rachel Webster Brake	05/08/2023 11:27:51	COMMNT	<p>I am writing with respect to the decking and floodlights at the above address with respect to the impact on the immediate environment.</p> <p>Belsize park, a community in which I have lived for more than three decades, is an area of conservational beauty. The 'minor alterations' at the above property far exceed the description of 'minor' and have a major impact on the local residents-in particular the security lights are continuously left on and light the area up like a football stadium and the decking that I suspect far exceeds the residents application and results in a heavy echo chamber.</p> <p>It is out of character for the conservation area of Belsize Park and is not at all respecting the local community. It is shocking and crass and has a huge impact on the immediate residents in Belsize Square. I wanted to express my objection to the development at this property as I fear such 'minor' developments will destroy the conservation and community of Belsize Park and the application for 'minor' changes exceeded that description and has a significant impact that has taken no consideration of long term residents or the Belsize community as a whole.</p> <p>I really hope this appeal is taken seriously to preserve a community and a sense of a neighbourhood. The work that has been completed is disrespectful and selfish, and I imagine very dishonest, with respect to the values of the Belsize community.</p>
2023/2401/P	Alessandra Marsoni	05/08/2023 20:22:27	OBJ	<p>I am a friend of the owner, Dr Kim Raftopoulos, I live in the Belsize Park area, not far from him. He has just sent me very clear images taken from his living room which overlooks the garden flat below. The pictures are taken at night and show that the garden is illuminated with flood lights clearly aimed at simulating day light to a level of brightness which is totally unacceptable and interfere greatly with the quite enjoyment of his apartment. In short, they appear as a form of extreme light pollution which is not acceptable. Moreover, it would appear that the garden has been colonised by an excessive amount of decking of some kind and the turf has been wholly replaced with artificial grass. The net effect of all this is that the garden is now unrecognisable in terms of what is appropriate for our neighbourhood. Should Camden grant permission for this retrospective planning application, it would create a precedent that would erode the nature and consistency of the valuable/special gardens which are a primary feature of Belsize Park. I therefore strongly object to the proposal and trust that the Camden Planning Department would understand the seriousness of the matter and take appropriate action. I would also like to add that this is a conservation area where the historic continuity of the built environment should be preserved and cherished to the utmost. With regards to the increased amount of burglaries in the area, I would suggest that a more contained approach to security lightning could be taken, including the use of modern CCTV cameras, which are now able to detect movement/image at lower lighting levels.</p>

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