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To: Planning

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Dear Sir/Ms

As a former resident and still regular visitor of the area, I object to the proposed plant rooms in this application. The design of the plant room is a dramatic change from the existing building, which has blended into the surrounding Victorian houses. The new plant room is totally out of keeping with the preservation area in style, purpose, materials and size. It would significantly alter the view from the many surrounding houses, which are non-listed heritage assets. In particular, the change in size and shape of the roof is especially ugly and contrary to Conservation Area protection requirements. During a consultation there was no mention of these plant rooms, although they are evidently by far the most significant part of the application. How can plans involving the risk of loss of amenity to neighbouring properties not be properly consulted upon? In fact, it says at least one plant was "accepted" after consultation. Accepted by whom? They weren't even mentioned, least of all "accepted". The developer does not explain why such high capacity industrial heating equipment is required on the site, notwithstanding the efficiency of its production. There is no energy statement to allow us to, for example, assess historic energy requirements against proposed capacity. I object especially to putting plant rooms around the edge of the development. Given the risk of loss of amenity, shouldn't the plant be in the centre of the site? The applicant says they are "centralising" plant. In fact, they are doing the opposite. I urge them to do exactly as they claim and centralise it, so it is their own problem. That might focus minds. I urge you to refuse this application.

Kind Regards