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2024/1923/P	Matthew Percival	23/05/2024 11:33:03	OBJ	<p>The unit will ruin the aesthetic of the building. The building was built with architects with a certain vision - the proposed unit will not match.</p> <p>The building fabric is weak - the area they are proposing is above our stairs which is how we enter and exit the building. There has been a leak from that flat roof for 7 years. This has only just been fixed. The idea of building on that area and more rain water pouring down the stairs is awful.</p> <p>We don't want the noise of these units, albeit incased in some noise proof housing. I don't trust them at all to build that to specification - the Landlords use the cheapest possible builders as we have seen on many occasions.</p> <p>It is also not environmentally friendly. This is an eco development - the idea of air-conditioning in an eco development is a bit absurd.</p> <p>The heat that these units will emit is also a concern. It's already warm enough in our courtyard, I can imagine these units will make it worse.</p>
2024/1923/P	Beaty Thalmann	23/05/2024 11:25:16	OBJ	<p>I object to this proposal.</p> <p>The area that they intend to install the air-conditioning units has been problematic for many years. It's a flat roof and has been leaking down the resident's stairs for six or seven years. This leak has only recently been fixed with the removal of the heat pump.</p> <p>If they place more weight on this section of flat roof the likelihood of another leak is very high. I cannot see on the plans how they intend to drain water away (from rain and from condensation from the air con units) from the area.</p> <p>The area is above residents' stairs which are in constant use and has previously been problematic - with the constant leak they were treacherous. Indeed, one neighbour fell hard on her back when the water turned to ice in the winter.</p> <p>In addition to this the building is supposed to be a modern eco-friendly home. That's how it was sold to us and I was told that the only reason planning permission was granted to the development was because of it's eco credentials.</p> <p>The landlords are quite untrustworthy. For example the solar panels on the roof have never even been plugged into anything. They also installed a boiler for the commercial units in our bin area without consultation!</p> <p>Finally, the worry about the noise. We want to keep Piano Yard as quiet as possible. I don't believe that the noise-preventing housing will be built in a way that actually works.</p> <p>The air-conditioning will be of no benefit to residents as it's for the offices and will cause unpleasant noise, dangerous leaks, and will be an eyesore.</p>

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Objection 1 Noise Pollution and wellbeing

The gas absorption heat pump when operational caused noise problems for me living in the apartment below the roof, to the point where sleep was heavily disrupted and we couldn't use one of the bedrooms. The constant hum and other noises coming from the pump caused significant anxiety. The fact that this might be replaced with 3 commercial air conditioning units fills me with dread.

We have several examples of the Landlord breaching our trust as residents, so would they even comply with the requirement for a low noise solution? The work to remove the heat pump was undertaken by inexperienced workmen who used a flammable glue and then proceeded to create sparks with a grinder next to it causing a fire on the roof. The fire brigade were called.

Objection 2: Environmental Impact

Our eco-development prides itself on sustainable living and minimizing environmental impact. The introduction of air-conditioning units, which are known for their high energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, contradicts the core values of our community. The increased demand for electricity will strain local resources and contribute to carbon emissions, undermining the sustainability goals that our development was designed to achieve. We advocate for environmentally friendly cooling alternatives, such as passive cooling techniques, that align with our commitment to ecological responsibility.

Objection 3: Inconsistent with Development Vision

The proposed installation of air-conditioning units is inconsistent with the original vision and planning principles of our eco-development. Our community was designed to promote sustainable living, with a focus on energy efficiency, minimal environmental impact, and harmonious coexistence of residential and commercial spaces. Air-conditioning units, with their high energy consumption and environmental footprint, clash with these principles. We request that the planning committee uphold the integrity of our development's vision and seek alternative cooling solutions that are in line with our commitment to sustainability and quality of life.

The potential health implications of air-conditioning units are a serious concern for all residents in particular those of us living underneath the roof. Please consider the mental health implications given at the beginning of this objection. Given the proximity of our homes to the commercial units, we urge the planning committee to prioritise the health and well-being of residents by rejecting the installation of air-conditioning units.

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