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2024/1923/P	Alexandra Grodzki	15/06/2024 15:15:26	PETITNOBJ E	<p>I object to the proposal for the reasons set out below.</p> <p><b>Objection 1: Noise Pollution</b> As residents of this mixed-use eco-development, we strongly object to the installation of air-conditioning units on the commercial building due to the potential for significant noise pollution. The continuous hum and periodic louder noises from these units will disrupt the tranquility of our neighbourhood, particularly during the night when ambient noise levels are lower. This intrusion of mechanical noise into our living spaces will negatively impact our quality of life, making it difficult for residents to relax, concentrate, and sleep. We urge the Landlords, Wolfe Investments, to consider alternative cooling solutions that do not compromise the peace and quiet we currently enjoy. Although the application states that there will be noise prevention housing around the units, we do not have significant trust in the Landlords to build this to standard. We have several examples of the Landlord breaching our trust, for example, by installing a commercial boiler in the communal bin area without seeking our permission or doing planning application. In addition the work to remove the heat pump that was previously in the location of the proposed air-conditioning units 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.</p> <p><b>Objection 2: Environmental Impact</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Objection 3: Aesthetic Concerns</b> The installation of air-conditioning units on the exterior of the commercial building will detract from the visual harmony and aesthetic appeal of our eco-development. The proposed housing of around the units seems bulky and unsightly, disrupting the architectural cohesion that defines Piano Yard. Such visual pollution will not only reduce the overall attractiveness of the area but also potentially lower property values. We request that Landlord consider the impact on the visual landscape and explore more discreet or integrated cooling solutions that do not compromise the appearance of our development.</p> <p><b>Objection 4: Health and Well-being</b> The potential health implications of air-conditioning units are a serious concern for residents. These units can circulate allergens, mold, and other pollutants, which can exacerbate respiratory issues and allergies. Additionally, the noise generated by these units can lead to increased stress and sleep disturbances, adversely affecting our mental and physical health. Given the proximity of our homes to the commercial building, we urge the planning committee to prioritise the health and well-being of residents by rejecting the installation of air-conditioning units.</p> <p><b>Objection 5: Heat Island Effect</b> The installation of air-conditioning units can contribute to the urban heat island effect, where localised areas experience higher temperatures due to human activities and infrastructure. The heat expelled by these units</p>

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will increase the ambient temperature around the commercial building, creating a hotter microclimate. This will not only reduce the comfort of outdoor spaces but also potentially increase the cooling needs of our nearby residences, leading to a vicious cycle of energy consumption and environmental degradation.

**Objection 6: Increased Traffic**

The installation and maintenance of air-conditioning units are likely to bring increased vehicle traffic to Piano Yard. Service vehicles and technicians will need regular access to the commercial building, disrupting the space and potentially causing safety hazards, especially in an area with mixed residential use. This added congestion will be particularly problematic during peak hours, affecting residents' deliveries and overall convenience.

**Objection 7: Impact on Property Values**

The presence of air-conditioning units on the commercial building may negatively impact property values in our eco-development. Potential buyers and tenants are often attracted to the quiet, aesthetic, and environmentally friendly aspects of our development. The visual and noise pollution associated with air-conditioning units can deter prospective residents, reducing demand and subsequently lowering property values. This economic impact is a significant concern for current residents who have invested in the development with the expectation of a high-quality living environment.

**Objection 8: 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 development only received planning permission originally because of its commitment to eco credentials.

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