

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2024/2930/P	Richard Herbert	09/08/2024 15:35:28	OBJ	<p>I am the closest neighbour to the flat proposing to excavate a new basement, with my house located just a few metres from where the works are being proposed. The planning documents suggest that the project intends to recreate in the same footprint a basement which previously existed in the old hospital on the site. The photos suggest that there is a rubble filled void in the area where the excavation is planned. What is not clear is the extent of additional excavation required to construct the basement space over and above emptying the existing void. There is clearly a plan for underpinning the building walls which will involve excavation, but no volumes of soil to be removed are evident in the planning application. I think there should be more transparency on the extent of new excavation being planned, since the architect's document focus is on the heritage value of the project, not the disruption to be caused (and if the owners were so concerned about the heritage "benefit" of the project, why not reinstall the padded room for the insane which was previously there?)</p> <p>I have had very negative experience of settlement following adjacent excavation and note that "in practice some settlement is possible". This is an enormous 5 story building towering above my little house and I do not want it settling in my direction. Nor do I want damage to my walls and fittings, and I have a large glass roof over a former courtyard at the back of my property, only metres from the excavation, which could be impacted severely by any settlement. There are a number of references in the reports to encountering unstable ground during excavation - by then it is too late to do anything about it. I would like to see full and transparent disclosure of the true quantities of excavation being planned for this project and a thorough evaluation of the risks and mitigations of doing the work before the Council approves it. Until then I must object to a project which could have serious consequences for the surrounding neighbours.</p>
2024/2930/P	Matthew Townsend	10/08/2024 13:13:40	OBJ	<p>A) We have NOT been informed of this application and have not had the opportunity to respond until now! We have found out by accident!</p> <p>B) We live in close proximity (Mansfield Place) and most strongly OBJECT to this application. We feel that any works that challenge the integrity of the soil and water table to the site should not be undermined. Historically we have discovered that tributaries of the river Fleet run under our property. Our cottages were built with poor foundations and any works of this nature would harm our property! The application is unnecessary and noise and disruption would be unacceptable.</p>