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2024/3399/P	Nicola Fleet	07/09/2024 14:57:05	OBJ	<p>I strongly oppose the planning permission for the West Heath Lawn Tennis Club vertical expansion and urge you to carefully consider my concerns.</p> <p>I have lived in my home overlooking the tennis courts for over 38 years, where my siblings and I were raised. This home and garden have been central to my life, offering a place of peace and relaxation. The south-facing garden, with its row of trees along the southern wall, is a vital part of my living space, especially where the sunlight reaches towards the end of the garden. The proposed construction would undoubtedly block the natural light, significantly impacting my garden.</p> <p>The letter we received about the proposed repair work for the club is misleading. It claims that the new clubhouse would be "broadly similar" to the existing structure in design and materials. However, having reviewed the full plans on the Camden Council website, I found that the design is completely different from the one existing. Moreover, the addition of an upper level to the clubhouse would directly compromise my privacy, allowing a clear view into my bedroom, as well as into other flats within my building. This is a serious concern, along with the additional restriction of light into both my garden and my home.</p> <p>Another troubling statement in the proposal asserts that the new building will only be "marginally higher than the existing structure but the increased shadow will only affect the property to the rear which is the Thames Water reservoir tanks. The small windows to the rear could potentially overlook part of the rear gardens but this oblique view will be effectively screened by existing trees and planting". This is inaccurate, as my garden will directly receive the increased shadows, and there are no trees or plantings where the clubhouse already exists and so cannot be screened. According to the plans, the top floor will feature a bar, raising further privacy concerns about late-night activity with direct views into my bedroom.</p> <p>The presence of asbestos, as indicated in the full plans, is yet another worry. The disturbance and release of deadly asbestos fibers during construction could pose serious health risks to both my family and my neighbours, pets and wildlife. This is a matter that cannot be overlooked.</p> <p>In addition, the wildlife in the area would be disrupted by the construction. We have a family of foxes that have lived near the clubhouse at the back of my garden for over 38 years, even before I moved here. I am concerned that this development will displace or harm them.</p> <p>If repairs to the clubhouse are truly necessary, then they should respect the original structure, with any expansion being horizontal rather than vertical. There is plenty of space to achieve this without compromising privacy, natural light, or the character of the neighborhood.</p> <p>In conclusion, I ask you to consider the following serious concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The invasion of privacy for myself and other residents</li> <li>- The significant reduction of light into my garden and home</li> <li>- The potential harm to local wildlife</li> <li>- The health risks posed by asbestos</li> <li>- The misleading and inaccurate claims made in the proposal plans</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

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