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## Re: Objection to Planning Application for Installation of Air Conditioning Units at 57 Hillfield Road NW6 1QD

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application at 57 Hillfield Road regarding the installation of multiple external air conditioning units on their property.

I am deeply concerned about both the aesthetic and practical impact this installation has had, and will continue to have, on my home and the surrounding neighborhood. I would like to raise the following points in my objection:

- 1. **Visual Impact**: The air conditioning units, currently installed without planning permission, are unsightly and detract from the character of the neighborhood. They are clearly visible from my windows and create an unpleasent view that is inconsistent with the overall aesthetic of our street, which is known for its heritage-style homes. I believe these installations do not meet the British Home heritage conditions that apply to this area.
- 2. **Planning and Regulatory Breach**: The fact that my neighbors have already installed three air conditioning units without first seeking proper planning permission raises significant concerns about their willingness to comply with the necessary regulations. This disregard for planning regulations has set a worrying precedent, and further approval of this application could encourage more reckless behavior, ultimately harming the integrity of the area.
- 3. **Negative Impact on the Value of My Property**: The proximity of the air conditioning units to my property, along with their unattractive appearance, could have a detrimental effect on the value of my home. The unsightly and bulky appearance of the units is not in keeping with the character of the area and this visual blight could reduce the attractiveness of my property to potential buyers..
- 4. Potential Noise and Environmental Concerns: While the noise generated by the existing units has been a nuisance, the approval of additional units could exacerbate this issue, particularly during warmer months when the use of these units will be frequent. The constant hum and operational noise could significantly disrupt the quiet enjoyment of my home. Furthermore, the increased use of such units raises environmental concerns regarding energy consumption and carbon emissions, which is at odds with current efforts to reduce environmental impact in our local area.

In addition to my objection to the planning application, I also request that the council **take action to enforce the removal of the three air conditioning units that have been installed without permission**. Not only are these units inappropriate for the area, but their unauthorized installation could have caused structural damage or other issues to the external wall of the property. I urge the council to require the applicant to remove the units and restore the property to its original condition, ensuring that any damage caused by the installation is properly addressed and repaired.

Given the serious issues outlined above, I respectfully ask that the council reject this planning application and take immediate steps to rectify the situation by enforcing the removal of the unauthorized units.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the council will uphold its commitment to preserving the character of our neighborhood and protecting the rights of residents.

Firat Dirik

p.s. Please see the appearance of the current units seen from my home (from different rooms)