

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to Planning Application for Proposed Hotel Development, 2024/3454/P

I am writing to strongly object to the planning application for a tall hotel development that, if approved, would have a severe and detrimental impact on my property and the wider neighbourhood.

Overshadowing and Loss of Light:

The proposed hotel is excessively tall and would overshadow numerous family homes located behind it, including my own. The substantial loss of sunlight and daylight is deeply concerning, as it is well-documented that reduced natural light can have a negative impact on mental health and well-being, leading to issues such as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and increased levels of depression and anxiety.

Overlooking and Privacy:

The hotel's windows are designed in such a way that they directly overlook the main living areas of the family homes behind it. This invasion of privacy is unacceptable and would significantly diminish the enjoyment of our homes, causing constant stress and anxiety for the families affected.

Tree Preservation:

The applicant proposes to cut the branches of a 17-meter tall tree down to a mere 3 meters in length. This drastic reduction would not only be devastating to the tree but also to the local ecosystem and the visual amenity of the area. Trees in this neighborhood are scarce, and the preservation of this mature specimen should be a priority. The proposed pruning would likely lead to the eventual death of the tree and the loss of the valuable benefits it provides, such as air purification, carbon sequestration, and mental health support.

Inappropriate Justification:

The applicant has cited two old buildings that have caused significant overshadowing as justification for their proposal. This reasoning is flawed, as historic planning mistakes should not be replicated or used to validate further inappropriate development.

Unattractive Back Façade:

While the applicant boasts about the attractive design of the hotel's front façade, the back façade, which would be most visible to the families behind it, is highly unappealing. This disparity is insensitive and inconsiderate to the local residents who would have to live with the unsightly view.

Impact on Multiple Families:

It is crucial to note that this commercial development would negatively affect over ten families living in the properties behind the proposed hotel. The cumulative impact on so many residents should be a significant factor in your consideration of this application.

I urge Camden Council to reject this planning application and request that the applicant reconsiders their proposal to address the valid concerns raised.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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