

Dear Camden Planning,

I formally object to a second retrospective planning application for the building works at 50c Red Lion Street.

The initial work began some months before the first planning application was even submitted during which the light from two of my windows were significantly reduced on the morning of Friday 17 November 2023 casting half of my flat into darkness without any prior warning or notice.

Camden Council's policies as laid out in the Local plan and appendices (especially the Amenity appendix) make it clear that the application is not acceptable. Granting it will cause me further trauma as a senior citizen facing adverse health issues and will be a failure by Camden Council of its own standards and policies.

The resident's group (of which I am a member) has repeatedly asked for consultation and facilitated mediation to no avail. A meeting of this nature is now being attempted by Ward Councillor Julian Fulbrook which I sincerely hope will come to fruition. Although my home is the closest to the works, aspects of the new build affect most of us and it would be advantageous to all, including Ms Lennox Boyd, to be able to discuss things collectively.

The view/light to my kitchen, which I also use as a dining space despite its size, and bathroom windows have been built over by a third. There are two points of the raised roof structure that cause loss of light across these windows; one being the raised skylight which is in front of my kitchen window and the other being the flatter roof/skylight which lies closer to my bathroom window than the raised one in front of the kitchen. However, the shadowed effects from them are approximately the same height above the bottom of both rooms' windows. Three images are attached, one of the roof, one of the kitchen window (with plants) and one of the bathroom window.

There are definite shadow cut offs seen against the windows that are highlighted or emphasised more by the position and strength of the sun. This will be greater during the winter months when the sun is lower in the sky. Also, there are pre-dating plans to make these windows outward opening clear windows. The ledge of this raised new roof sitting right in front of my windows blocks this.

The "new" application plans state there will be no variance to the newly installed roof. It is extremely disappointing that, whether it was during the building works or on filing the first retrospective planning application when the potentially solvable light blocking issue could have been solved, or now with this "new" one; no opportunity has been granted to try to find any mutually beneficial solutions nor has there been any consideration of its proximity to my windows.

The three-dimensional renderings do not show the impact between buildings because they do not represent/analyse the interior impact which is not pleasant.

I am in my late and have a few serious health conditions. One, amongst other things, causes extreme facial swellings particularly around the eyes often rendering them barely able to be opened. This causes both visual, spatial awareness and

balance issues. I am also awaiting reconstructive kidney surgery following seven kidney maintenance operations, two this year but seven in total since December 2022.

As such, I am once again concerned about privacy issues experienced earlier this year during the build when it was uncomfortable to use the toilet due to the proximity of workmen often pressed up against the bathroom window and in clear earshot. The reconstructive kidney surgery operation will be far more intrusive as part of another organ will have to be sectioned off to facilitate the reconstruction, so I will be even less mobile than following previous operations. At worst, if the reconstruction is found to be impossible the kidney will have to be removed. Going to local community centres to use the toilet will not be as easy a feat as it has been.

Your Local Plan/ Amenity Appendix states that guidance on any structures in front of existing windows is taken from the BRE daylight and sunlight report (and Persians BSI standard). But it did not appear to be taken into consideration nor adhered to as a guide during the building works and will seemingly continue to be ignored.

I have no problem with someone, in this case, Ms Lennox Boyd, making improvements to their home but feel it is unfair that it should be at the expense or sacrifice of the amenity, aesthetic or comfort of my home.

It would be far fairer if this planning application were allowed but with stipulations for changes to the roof plan that avoid failing to execute your corporate duty to protect a vulnerable resident's amenity.

So far, the disruption has been far-reaching and to some extent still is. Even though there is more light in my kitchen and bathroom since the scaffolding and dark coverings have been removed there is now a pulsating high pitched electrical hum that emanates from a piece of equipment at 50c. Though heard mainly in the kitchen and bathroom, it can sometimes also be heard in my living room.

Recently it has been less intrusive in that it does not go on as early in the mornings, sometimes not even until after 1pm and no longer remains on all day or as late into the night as before. Cooking without earphones, therefore missing out on part of the sensory satisfaction of hearing food sizzle or simmer; or showering rather than being able to soak in a bath especially when in pain because the sound is a major stressor to someone like me who, due to bad eyesight, has extremely acute hearing.

Kind regards

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