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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have already registered my objection to the proposed Penthouse development at Darwin Court. I understand that the planning committee will be considering the application next week.

I wish to add a couple of significant points to my original application.

The first concerns the water system at Darwin Court, which is already under pressure and inadequate for the existing residents' needs. Several times over the summer and autumn, many of us have been faced with no hot water overnight or for several hours in the day, owing to glitches in the system. Residents such as myself who live on the upper floors face an inadequate supply because of too much pressure that is already in the system. The cold water taps run hot for several minutes when hot water is being used elsewhere because of the proximity of the hot and cold types. Airspace proposes that the heating system in the penthouses will be separate from that in the remainder of the building. It does however intend that the water supply will be in common. This will put unacceptable pressure on the system, resulting in further loss of water, resulting in significant problems for the disabled, such as myself, and the many elderly residents in the building, not to mention further expense in the constant need for plumbers and potentially a complete replacement of the water system owing to the new penthouses.

I have mentioned that I am disabled and I am very worried about the effect on my health and liberty during the building process. Airspace have calculated that the building works will take eighteen months, which as anyone who has had even minor works done knows will most likely take double that. Even if the work is completed in the specified time, the attendant disruption in the common parts and on the pathways will make my leaving my flat hazardous if not impossible. That is to say nothing of the three months or so in which each individual lift will be out of service. Neither I nor my 86-year-old next-door neighbour will be able to get out during this period. Airspace have not clarified any arrangements for the elderly, disabled and people with young children while the lifts are out of service. I am largely housebound and greatly object to being forced to move into an inferior flat in an unfamiliar neighbourhood while Airspace does its work.

Finally, since I initially made my objections, the government has announced that it will fund the Old Oak Common to Euston leg of HS2. Part of this line goes directly under some of the Darwin Court blocks. I know that I am far from being the only resident who is deeply worried about the added weight of the penthouses and the effect on the structure given the tunnelling underneath. It will be the individual residents, not Airspace, who are left to foot the bill for cracks and damage which may not manifest themselves for several years.

I urge you to reject the application.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Arditti  
Sent from my iPad

