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2024/5654/P	Sadie donnelly	06/01/2025 14:29:16	OBJ	I wish to strongly object to installation of antenna, transmission dishes and equipment due to concerns over potential health issues and damage to building.

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2024/5654/P	Jonas Georgsson	06/01/2025 16:14:04	OBJ	Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a residents of Matilda Apartments at 4 Earnshaw Street to strongly object to the proposed installation of 5G antennae, transmission dishes, and associated equipment on the roof of our building. This objection is based on the following grounds:

1. Architectural and Historical Significance

Matilda Apartments is a landmark building as Renzo Piano's first project in the UK. The installation of large, unsightly 5G infrastructure would fundamentally compromise the architectural integrity and visual appeal of this significant structure. It would detract from its intended design, diminishing its value as an exemplar of modern architecture and setting a concerning precedent for other architecturally significant buildings in the borough.

2. Impact on Building Functionality

The entire building lacks air conditioning or air cooling systems. As temperatures continue to rise due to climate change, it is inevitable that such systems will need to be installed in the future to ensure residents' comfort and safety. The addition of 5G equipment on the roof would severely limit the space required for the installation of such essential infrastructure, leaving residents at risk of inadequate cooling during increasingly frequent heatwaves.

3. Health and Safety Concerns

While regulatory bodies claim 5G technology meets current safety standards, the long-term health impacts of living directly under such equipment remain unclear. This uncertainty is particularly concerning for a densely populated residential building. The council should adopt a precautionary approach to safeguard residents' health and well-being until more definitive scientific evidence is available.

4. Noise Pollution and Maintenance Disturbance

The operation and maintenance of the proposed equipment would lead to significant noise pollution and disruptions. Residents would face the dual burden of installation noise during construction and ongoing disturbances from maintenance visits, impacting their right to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

5. Structural and Safety Risks

The proposed installation would impose additional weight and structural demands on the roof. The increased foot traffic from maintenance personnel and the installation of heavy equipment raise concerns about potential roof damage and leaks, which could further affect residents' living conditions.

6. Violation of Planning Policy

The proposal contradicts Policy D1 of the Camden Local Plan 2017, which emphasizes respecting the character and appearance of buildings. This installation would not only clash with the building's design but also fail to consider the cumulative negative impacts on its aesthetics and functionality.

7. Alternative Locations Should Be Prioritized

Given the architectural and residential nature of Matilda Apartments, more suitable non-residential or less sensitive locations for 5G infrastructure should be considered. Public and community interests can be better served without jeopardizing the character, functionality, and livability of a landmark residential building.

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Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, we urge the council to reject this application in its entirety. The proposed installation is incompatible with the architectural significance, current functionality, and future needs of Matilda Apartments, as well as the well-being of its residents.

I trust the council will recognize the gravity of these concerns and act to protect the character, functionality, and livability of Matilda Apartments while supporting responsible and balanced urban development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Jonas Georgsson

2024/5654/P	M Martis	06/01/2025 12:14:49	OBJ	<p>I object to the removal of condition 5 of planning permission and I object to the installations of proposed equipment as stated in 2022/2378/P. This is for the following reasons: 1. There exists no conclusive evidence to refute the potential adverse health effects or increased cancer risk associated with such installations, especially given the proximity to residential areas such as mine. 2. It is utterly astounding to me that a residential block is being considered for hosting this equipment on its roof, especially when there are more suitable office spaces nearby, such as the Central St Giles and former Castlewood House sites, which boast larger roof capacities. Additionally, the latter site was previously utilised for such purposes before the building was demolished and rebuilt. 3. Residing on the top floor, I already contend with inadequate sound insulation in the roof. The prospect of further noise disturbance from equipment and individuals accessing the roof exacerbates an already problematic situation. 4. The equipment will be detrimental to the aesthetics and design of the building which is part of a complex designed by famous architect Renzo Piano.</p>
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