

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2025/1805/P	Tom James	38A Lowfield Road 38A Lowfield	23/05/2025 16:36:36	OBJ	<p>I'd like to object to this planning application, on two grounds: noise and privacy.</p> <p>First - noise.</p> <p>I'm a neighbour of this property, two doors down at 38 Lowfield Road. The back gardens behind this end of Lowfield Road, Hemstal and Kylemore Roads are already very densely built up and very busy.</p> <p>As an example - there is a house at 50 Hemstal Road that has, for some reason, been allowed to be carved up into four flats. Each of these flats has a balcony, as this planning application proposes for 34 Lowfield Road. On a summers evening, when all of these balconies are being used, the noise is overwhelming. Many of these flats are short-term rentals or used as airbnb flats, contributing nothing to local families, but just making profits for landlords.</p> <p>We have two small children, and already struggle to get them to sleep on a weekend from April to September. We know there are many more families with children on Lowfield Road and Kylemore Road.</p> <p>We feel that granting permission to this planning application will only lead to more landlords asking for more balconies; to more noise in the area; and thus to more noise complaints for the council to handle.</p> <p>Second - privacy.</p> <p>We feel that the two new roof terraces will lead to our garden (and the garden's of our neighbours) being overlooked. Although we understand that a fence or screen will be erected, we feel that this could easily degrade over time.</p> <p>The development of a large roof terrace on the 'upper ground' level in particular is troubling to us - please note that the use of the term 'upper ground' is disingenuous here, this is the first floor of the building. This terrace in particular, built over the off-shot bathroom and projecting almost to the end of the garden, will give the users a view into around 10 gardens and flats in the surrounding properties.</p> <p>Finally, the issue of the garden at 34A being 'almost permanently in the shade', as brought up in the planning application, is nonsense - these are east facing gardens. All of the outdoor spaces at this end of London Road, including ours, are hemmed in on all sides by 4 storeys of terraces. All are in 'almost permanently in the shade'.</p>