

Thank you, here it is -

Dear Planning Department,

I am writing re planning application 2013/8192/P Odeon Site Grafton Way. I tried to write my comment on the proper form on the council website but I ran out of space.

I feel I cant object to the project as an idea, because the new hospital will save people lives however I do very much object to any impacts on my quality of life and ability to work. I live opposite the proposed development in Flat 71 30-40 Grafton Way and have 3 points of concern.-

Firstly I am very concerned that this large building will cause me a loss of light. I have recently started a business making artistic bags, jewellery boxes and bag charms and I need full sunlight in order to be able to see properly. This means my ability to work is naturally reduced on days when the light is bad. As this building is to be 7 floors above ground and I live on the 3rd it is a real concern to me that I will not be able to work at all. I would be happy for someone to come to my flat and assess this situation, however I would want that person to also be familiar with making tiny objects and the impact that bad lighting can have on quality of work.

Asking me to switch the lights on will not do as I do not find artificial lighting good enough for me to be able to see properly, there are only a few jobs I can do under artificial lights. Also artificial light interferes with my ability to judge the true colour of things so it is important for me to have sunlight in order that I combine colours properly, I have tried to sort out colours under artificial light but I find I can confuse different shades as artificial or dull light can make colours look the same and there is also a danger of using colours that look very ugly together when looked at in true light.

Secondly, there will be extra dust caused by the demolition and construction. We have air vents on our windows which we cant close. These let in dust from the traffic as it is. This means we have to dust and Hoover much more than ordinary properties. I am concerned that the demolition dust will come in thickly and will stick in my varnish as it is drying which would ruin my pieces and cause hours of work to be wasted.

Thirdly, the noise will be extreme as we are only single glazed and hear every disturbance on the street below. This will cause a negative impact on my quality of life and my ability to

work in a peaceful environment. I would like assurances from the building contractors that they will be doing **no night work whatsoever**, no matter if it causes the project to run over its predicted finishing time.

If the hospital need to use this space they should pay for triple glazing for any resident who would like it and give us some form of compensation for the disruption caused when fitting it. I do not know what they could offer me in regards to my light if it is to be impacted. I have heard of daylight simulating lamps but I would need to test one first in order to ensure that it was up to the job. Also they would have to give me money to pay for the electricity that it would use and for having my lights on all day as I am hardly earning anything at present and try to use electricity as little as possible in order that I can afford the bill. I have even got rid of my television because of this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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