

Dear Charles Thuaire

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL PLANNING APPLICATION REF 2013/7352/P

Thank you very much for consulting us about the Royal Free Hospital's Planning Application to make alterations and additions to the buildings and plant and machinery facing Pond Street. We live at 17a Pond Street directly opposite the main entrance to the hospital and wish to object to the application. Our grounds for objecting are noise nuisance, loss of daylight, sunlight and privacy, design and layout and external appearance and materials.

We have only seen the documents available on the Council's website: a site location plan and a one page Design and Access Statement. The latter seems to refer only to the lower ground floor A & E Department and makes no mention of works or new plant at 4th floor level or new condenser units in the adjoining garden (as listed in your letter).

Noise nuisance

We are very often disturbed by noise nuisance from the hospital and by frustrated car drivers sounding their horns when stuck in one of the almost daily jams at the entrance (usually from around 10.20am onwards).

In the evenings Pond Street is surprisingly quiet, and it is then that we are disturbed by the noise made by the plant and machinery facing Pond Street. The proposal to put additional plant at basement level, and at 4th floor level, and new condenser units in the adjoining garden directly opposite our house will only worsen the already unacceptably high noise nuisance that we and other residents living so close by experience.

Any new plant, machinery or condenser units should be located on another part of the site that has no directly facing neighbours close by.

Loss of daylight, sunlight and privacy

Further construction at 4th floor level will further impede daylight and sunlight from reaching us, particularly during the winter. And increase overlooking which will further reduce our privacy.

Design and layout, external appearance and materials

The plans appear to propose new buildings, plant and machinery at up to 4th floor level directly opposite where we live. We object to any proposals for buildings or plant or machinery that will be visible to, or audible by, us until we have seen sufficient plans and drawings to be able to form a view as to their likely impact.

I hope these comments are sufficiently clear and specific and directly address the grounds on which you are able to refuse the application. Do please contact me if you would like me to provide further explanation.

With kind regards

Peter Davey

2nd January 2014

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