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From: Colin Altman [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 September 2014 22:44
To: Peres Da Costa, David
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Dear Mr Peres da Costa,

I live at 59, Kentish Town Road, and the southern wall of 1a Hawley Road forms the northern wall of my garden. I have already commented online on the application, in summary accepting the proposals but asking that the southern section of the acoustic barrier be extended to reduce noise leakage into my garden.

Since then I have learnt that one of my neighbours has objected to the proposed location of the units and asked that they be moved further away from the houses on Kentish Town Road. I am open to the idea of the units being sited somewhere else so long as the effect on my property could be shown to be no worse than the existing proposals.

However, one of the alternative locations proposed is on the southern wall of 1a Hawley Road, which would have the effect of directing the noise directly into my garden at literally point-blank range. This is a completely unreasonable suggestion and I am sure you will understand that I would object in the strongest terms to this proposal.

Regards,

Colin Altman
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7 September 2014

Dear David Peres da Costa,

Comment against application to install x3 air-conditioning condensers to roof with a visual courtesy screen surround, Application Ref: 2014/4342/P

We live a 63 Kentish Town Road, so along with our neighbours at 61, are closest to the proposed air conditioner units. We have three issues about the proposal that lead us to be against the application. These are:

1. The proposed location of the units

We are unclear from the proposal for the rationale for the proposed location of the units. From our perspective, the proposed location is the option most inconsiderate to the neighbours as it is the nearest to our dwellings. The units have already been installed which gives us direct experience on which to assess their impact. They create a large mass of approximately one metre in height and three metres in width, which means that our outlook becomes unacceptably closed in, which will be unchanged when surrounded by the proposed screen – see photo below.

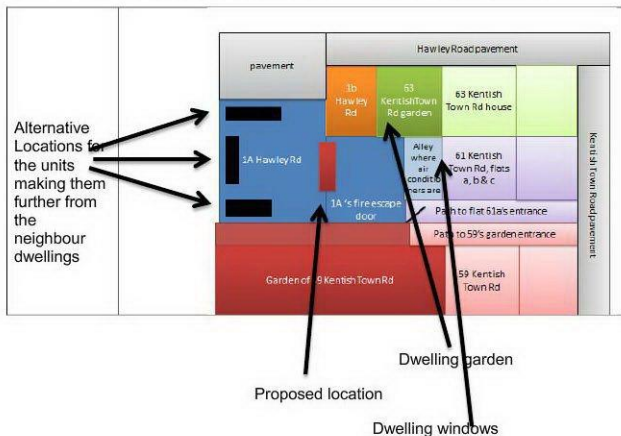


It also raises concerns about the noise impact – see (2) below.

There are at least three alternative locations on the flat roof of 1a Hawley Road that would have placed the air conditioners further from the dwellings and not in direct sight. These are:

- (i) on the back nearest the windowless-wall of number 1 Hawley Road
- (ii) on the side nearest Hawley Road, furthest away from numbers 61 and 63, above the Hairdressing Apprenticeship's front window
- (iii) on the side nearest the garden of number 59 Kentish Town Road furthest away from numbers 61 and 63, closest to the yard behind 1 Hawley Road

They are illustrated in the graphic below. These locations would mean the source of the noise would be approximately 8 metres further away from the dwellings.



2. The noise assessment and noise impact

We have two concerns about the noise assessment that has been conducted. Firstly, it did not assess the noise in our garden or extension (number 63), which are both closer than the location where the tests were done. We are concerned therefore that these may not have been as positive.

Secondly, it is not clear whether the calculations used took into account that the traffic noise on Hawley Road is intermittent. Due to the traffic lights, periods of traffic noise alternate with periods without traffic noise, and at evenings and weekends of quiet. This means that while the noise impact of current traffic may not be less than the noise of the air conditioning units, the air conditioning would be constant whereas the traffic is not. We are concerned therefore that this would significantly increase the noise level we experience.

3. The opening days and hours

It is unclear from the proposal what the opening days or hours of the apprentice will be. The noise assessment mentions that the units will run 8am until 8pm but does not state if this is planned to be Monday to Friday or include weekends too. We are concerned that 8pm on week days is too late given the residential neighbours. At weekends the traffic is significantly reduced, and we are extremely concerned that the proposed 12 hours of air conditioning noise would be a significant increase to current noise levels.

Due to these three concerns, we are against the current application. They suggest scope for a revised application in which the air conditioning units are moved to the alternative locations further from the dwellings and another test conducted to include the nearest dwelling space which is our garden and lower ground extension.

To sum up, we find the proposal of having a source of continuous noise at a volume comparable to current traffic, non-stop 12 hours a day, so close to dwellings unacceptable, when there are multiple locations further away.

Thanks in advance,

Sheila Fish and Stefan Auer