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Please could you put the following objection to the above planning application and put it online, it was a little too long to be accepted through your website. Thanks, Chloe

Re: Planning Application: 2013/3792/P

I wish to register that I strongly object to the planning application 2013/3792/P, for the change of use from what are currently offices to a cinema and bar and the subsequent redevelopment of 39 - 41 Parker Street.

I am the owner of one of the flats in Wimbledon Buildings.

I object on the grounds of increased noise disturbance and potential for vibrations from the two cinema screens proposed less than 3 metres away from Wimbledon Buildings.

The proposal states that the cinema will run from 1800 to 2330 hours every single day of the week, including bank holidays. The inevitable soundtrack breakout would destroy the quiet and peaceful nature of the courtyard garden at Wimbledon Buildings, as well as any semblance of a peaceful life living there, since my bedroom would be less than 3 metres from the proposed cinema. This is unacceptable. Not only my, but all the residents of Wimbledon Buildings' quality of life would be severely compromised should planning permission be granted.

In the application statement the applicant wrongly states: "The North elevation to the application site forms a boundary wall to the courtyard to a property in Newton Street which has been converted to residential use." No it hasn't. It has always been residential since it was built in the late 1800's. It is also Grade II listed. The proposed development would destroy not only the quality of life of all the residents of Wimbledon Buildings, but also the intrinsic nature and quality of the building.

The application also gives the impression the proposed cinema is nothing unusual on Parker Street since there is the New London Theatre and NCP car park at the Drury lane end of Parker Street. It fails to properly acknowledge that from there, the whole rest of the length of the street till it hits Newton Street is offices and residential.

The residents of Parker Street, Macklin Street and Newton Street are very concerned that excessive building work over the next few years will have a major detrimental impact on their quality of life: the two-year redevelopment of the hostel on Parker street, and the redevelopment of offices into a hotel at the top of Newton Street being already granted planning permission. Being surrounded by a potential three major building sites simultaneously for the next two years at least, how can people be expected to live like this?

Macklin Street, Newton Street and Parker Street are all largely residential streets and creating a further bar in the area will only encourage more people to hang around, get pissed and make more noise late at night. The newsagent on Newton Street has on several occasions I believe not been granted a licence to sell alcohol for this very reason.

The only welcome part of this proposal is the blocking up of existing intake and extract grilles

opposite Wimbledon Buildings which as stated have caused serious noise disturbances and noxious smells in the past. Having said this, I still believe that noise from the intake extract units on Parker Street will be heard in Wimbledon Buildings, due to the increase in use that a basement cinema and car park would require. In the application it implies these would be in use 24 hours a day.