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Subject: Objection to Planning Application 2013/3231/P - 39-45 Grays Inn Road WC1X8PR
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I live opposite the site and would like to register my objection to the proposed roof extension and the plan to let the ground floor to a major supermarket chain.

- The proposal to open a branch of a large supermarket chain at ground level will vastly increase night-time disturbance to residents with bedrooms directly opposite. There will be a substantial increase in noise from regular deliveries by heavy duty trucks unloading noisy cages late at night and in the early hours of the morning – and refrigerator vans which have to keep their refrigeration units running while they are parked. A busy major supermarket chain will add to the misery already experienced by local residents from two pubs, a taxi firm and 24-hour supermarket all on a short stretch of Grays Inn Road. With numerous supermarkets in the immediate vicinity - 4 branches of Sainsbury's, 2 branches of Tesco, a Waitrose and a Budgens and numerous smaller supermarkets all within 10 minutes' walking distance, this is unnecessary saturation.
- There is a strong local community built around existing shops and cafes. The arrival of a major supermarket chain will undoubtedly lead to loss of livelihoods and the closure of businesses who help cement our local community and shape the character of this area.
- Local residents will be subjected to yet more demolition work with dust and noise day and night (a major works is on-going on just below the rear rooms of our flats) and limited access to the walkways outside our homes. This is surely an infringement of our right to "the quiet enjoyment" of our homes.
- This is an area dense with buildings. We have limited natural light due to the height of the buildings opposite. I understand that the newly proposed mansard extension will darken our rooms further, restricting the light that shines obliquely into our flats - especially in winter when the sun is low. The extension would contravene the 45 degree angle for the first floor flats; the upper floors may also be affected. The natural light we enjoy will be further diminished by a view of dark bricks in place of bright, light sky. The reduction in light will make the property less fit for its purpose than it has been for the past few decades, especially as most existing residents who will be directly affected are nearing, or over, pensionable age. The loss of sun/light will affect their quality of life in their homes, making daily tasks like reading more difficult. Older residents also spend more than an average amount of time in their homes and, with few parks in this area, preserving the light we have enjoyed for so many years is crucial to our mental wellbeing, particularly in winter.

Camden's 'Revised Statement of Community Involvement' references the role that Planning has in affecting where we live and spend our leisure time and how it influences our quality of life and wellbeing. Many of us have been resident for more than 20 years in flats opposite the site and have earned the 'right to the light' that we have enjoyed in our homes (Prescription Act, 1832). This proposal stands to affect our quality of life and wellbeing by reducing natural light coming into our flats and increasing noise levels, particularly at night and will have a deleterious effect on the local community.

In considering this planning proposal, I urge you will look closely at the negative impact of the planned proposal on local residents and their neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2013 16:51
To: Planning
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to oppose the planning application, number 2013/3231/P - 39-45 Grays Inn Road WC1X8PR.

I oppose it on three grounds:

1) The proposed mansard roof extensions to the fourth floor level on the above building(39-45 Gray's Inn Road) will greatly reduce the quality and quantity of light available to our mansion block(140 Gray's Inn Road). The greatest reduction will affect from the third floor downwards. I, personally live on the fifth floor, and have done so since 1987, and this proposed extension will curtail some of the view that I have enjoyed over these years. Having tried to interpret the architect's present drawings, I am very concerned that the roof level may be even somewhat higher than was allowed in the last application. (Of course, I may be wrong.)

2) The proposed letting of some of the building to a major retailer will involve deliveries. If these deliveries arrive late at night and/or early in the morning, the possible noise level of the delivery lorries/vans may be extremely detrimental to the residents' sleep.

3) The smaller retail businesses in our local community may suffer from a large retail business being established so close.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander Murray

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From: ken gleeson [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 August 2013 12:46
To: Planning
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Local residents will be subjected to yet more demolition work with dust and noise day and night (a major works is on-going on just below the bed rooms of our flats which has driven some of us to sleep in our front rooms and limited access to the walkways outside our homes. This is surely an infringement of our right to "the quiet enjoyment" of our homes. That is something we have learned long since to expect from Camden Council and their ferocious, insatiable and unprincipled pursuit of revenues irrespective of the cost to communities who have to suffer what are often unnecessary planning impositions on us: in this case the theft, essentially, of our natural light and such quiet as now prevails on Gray's Inn Road at night and on the weekends

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Ken Gleeson

