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From: Pat Glossop [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 August 2014 14:53
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Reference No. 2014/4394/P

To: Sally Shepherd, Planning Officer
Re: Erection of a single storey rear extension to No. 7 Pond Street, etc.

Dear Sally,

As a local resident and neighbour, I wish to object strongly to this application, re 7 and 9 Pond Street, NW3 2PN

1. The proposed extension encroaches on the garden area, and will mean loss of garden and open space for the neighbours all around, particularly 7 and 9 Pond St, and the building directly abutting it on Hampstead Hill Gardens. This garden area and open space contribute to the neighbours' health and well being.
2. Also re health and well being, this area between the buildings is effectively a well, so sound will be amplified, and again affect the residents. And if workers from the proposed offices go outside to smoke, this will also affect the neighbours.
3. It will mean loss of privacy for the neighbours living adjacent to this space, which is a strongly residential area, above and behind a few quiet shops. This is **not** a business or office area, but predominantly residential.
4. This will set a bad precedent for other gardens in that vicinity. The objective for any residential area is definitely **not** to fill any available green or open space, and this goes against Camden's green guidelines.
5. It will affect and endanger the wildlife, including birds, which currently live in that area, particularly in trees and bushes at the foot of the gardens behind 7 and 9 Pond Street. Removal of some trees, including a leylandia, have already gone against Camden's policies and diminished the greenery and wildlife.
6. The building works and noise of machinery will grossly inhibit - and in fact make impossible - work in the studio alongside the garden at 7 Pond Street. That music studio is one of the last functioning artist's studios in Hampstead, contributes strongly to the area's artistic life, and should be protected as part of the traditionally creative scene in Hampstead.
7. The proposed green roof is no substitute for real greenery, and if not properly maintained, will only further diminish the look of what should be a green and open space.
8. If there is a glass ceiling behind 7 and 9 Pond Street, as has been proposed, and the lights below are left on, that will create light pollution and also affect the privacy of the small balcony of the flat above.
9. Re safety and security: easy access from Hampstead Hill Gardens over the music studio onto the low roof of the proposed office building would compromise safety, particularly of the nearby bedroom window and two balconies.

For all these reasons, I ask that the application be refused.

Sincerely,

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