



Dear Mr Tulloch,

I am writing to lodge my complaint about the development at 1-8 College Yard, application number 2014/5054P.

My property is a ground floor flat at 53a Lady Somerset Road and my garden backs onto the North West elevation of the proposed site.

The current view from my ground floor flat is of the end wall of the existing warehouse building. The mass of this large wall is broken up by the double ridge of the roof line. As a result of the profile of the end wall, its visual impact is mitigated and my south facing garden still enjoys a decent amount of sunlight. The impact of the wall is further softened by a mass of vertical plant growth which hides almost all of the brickwork. In effect I currently look onto a green wall (see attached photograph).

The proposed development changes the profile of the wall such that the gap between the two pitched roofs is filled in and the wall becomes a solid mass. Added to this, the overall height of the building is significantly increased by the addition of a 3rd floor to the building. My garden and flat will lose natural light and my outlook will be significantly diminished as a result of this development. I am also concerned that the decades of plant growth on the end wall may be destroyed during the construction process.

Having read the construction management plan, I am also very concerned about the plans for temporary propping of the flank wall at the end of my garden. There is no detail given in the description as to what form this 'temporary propping' might take and how this might affect the residents of Lady Somerset Road. It is a large, old wall and I would expect considerable structural scaffolding would be required to prevent collapse of the wall during the digging of new foundations directly adjacent. I am deeply unhappy about the prospect of the end of my garden housing scaffolding for this development and about the potential safety hazards posed to my children who spend a great deal of time in our garden.

I look forward to hearing from you as to how you propose to address the points I have raised.

Regards,
Mark Lewis

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