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2015/0470/P	Alice Cousens	91 savernake road nw3 2lg	08/03/2015 17:05:37	OBJ	<p>Dear planning committee,</p> <p>We would like to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed works at ground floor 89 Savernake road, NW3 2LG.</p> <p>We agree with the problems pointed out by Deborah Williams and Andrew Tempany of flat 2nd floor 89 Savernake road - including the obvious reality that this extension (and subsequent precedent) could cause a terracing effect.</p> <p>We live in the house (3 flats) next door and this full width extension would mean we lose a significant amount of light - onto the patio, where we like to sit, into the kitchen and bedroom windows on the ground floor and into our greenhouse.</p> <p>It would make our patio feel very cramped, shady and tunnel like. It will change the view from the ground floor kitchen window to a cramped brick wall. Part of the beauty and joy of these houses is their spacious nature.</p> <p>We would lose our well established clematis which is beautiful and grows over the dividing wall and trellis and it would be replaced with a brick wall.</p> <p>The view of the proposed extension from our 2nd floor roof terrace would feel crowded and ugly.</p> <p>There is no precedent for this on any of the surrounding houses and it seems totally unnecessary and not at all in keeping with the dimensions or feel of the original house or the area.</p> <p>Although the design and access statement repeatedly stresses how it will not affect the road scape, (which is quite obvious as it is a rear ground floor extension) it does not acknowledge the reality that it will permanently radically alter the rear view of the house to the detriment of the character of the house, the area and the lives of the neighbours.</p> <p>We strongly disagree with the assertion that "The new extension will tie in with the appearance of the main house and the surrounding properties" and "improve the aspect of the rear gardens and provide useable, landscaped amenity space". It will actually make a smallish, darkish garden even smaller and darker.</p> <p>In reference to the side extension, we find the statement - "The ground floor extension will make use of this otherwise unused side return space at ground, and allow for a larger kitchen /family room" - very odd. The area that is being described as "unused space" is in fact just a part of the garden at the side of the house, not a piece of forgotten waste ground. It was re-tiled a few months ago. The reason it is unused is because the entire garden and flat is unused as it has sat empty for more that 1 year. We question the sense of allowing more space to be created at a great cost to many people and the surrounding environment, when the current space is totally underutilized and left to sit empty.</p> <p>We strongly disagree with the assertion that the planned extension "has been kept small in scale as to ensure that it remains subservient to the existing house". It would be the biggest extension in the area. The existing extension is already large. We believe it is distinctly not in keeping with the house or the area, and that it would adversely affect our quality of life.</p>

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We would have no problem with reasonable works being carried out to improve the current extension.

We also have serious concerns about the noise and disruption. In our property two people regularly work from home. The resident in the ground floor back bedroom is an ICU nurse who works rolling 12 hour shifts and often sleeps during the day. The works would be carried out a few meters from the bedroom window.

We are also concerned because we believe the owners live overseas and we are not sure who would oversee the work. We have security concerns with contractors having unfettered access to the rear of the properties for a long period with the owners not here to oversee their conduct.

For all these reasons we strongly object to the proposed plans.

Signed the residents and owner of 91 Savernake Road, NW3 2LG.

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