

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2015/0457/P	Nobileau	The Chestnuts Branch Hill London NW3 7NA	17/03/2015 01:20:53	OBJ	<p>As immediate neighbours to 17 Branch Hill, we object to this planning application on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Design and size of the new building is much too large and imposing, with a much bigger footprint and height than the original house, while also being closer and with more wall space to The Chestnuts, our property;</li> <li>2. Loss of light and privacy would undoubtedly result on the ground/lower ground floors of our property on the basis of a higher and larger new house;</li> <li>3. Environmental impact could be significant, with important large trees at the back of our property which would undoubtedly be affected by extensive drilling and piling for basement and pool excavations, one large tree is particularly important at the boundary of our property and currently ensures privacy between our houses. In addition, the same drilling and piling would impact soil stability, and potentially disrupt the Westbourne which flows underground, the consequences of which could be far reaching, not just to the immediate vicinity, but all along the path of its London riverbed;</li> <li>4. Noise pollution would be extremely disruptive to all neighbours during the duration of the works, as well as the hazardous nature of dust and airborne particles from the building site on the air quality of surrounding properties;</li> <li>5. The impact on traffic and road safety would also be very disruptive to the area, especially during rush hours, as access to the site is very narrow and would often block Branch Hill, not to mention delays, increased risk and disruption to children being taken to school in the morning;</li> <li>6. The extensive length of time planned for this rebuilding project is far in excess of reasonable. Why should their immediate neighbours be affected everyday for 91 weeks when the owners of 17 Branch Hill will not be living next to the site and therefore not impacted by all the disruption while it's under construction? Neighbours should not be expected to bear the brunt of building works for such a long period of time so the scope of the project should be significantly reduced to under 12 months;</li> </ol> <p>In summary, such a project will be very detrimental to this conservation area and disruptive to all adjoining properties during and following its construction without any benefits to the neighbourhood. It should not be approved without significant reduction of scope, size and duration of building works.</p>