

17th March 2015

Planning Services,
London Borough of Camden,
5 Pancras Square,
Town Hall,
Judd Street,
London WC1H 9JE

1 Leverton Street,
London NW5 2PH

Dear Mr Clark,

Planning Application Reference 2015/0818/P . 300 Kentish Town Road.

I am writing to object to this planning application.

My house, 1 Leverton Street, is right behind 300 Kentish Town Road. The new first floor extension will massively reduce the daylight coming into my garden and rooms at the back of the house. My kitchen and dining room will need the lights on all the time if this new extension is built. And also my garden will be in the shade almost all the time. This will have a huge effect on my house.

In 2007 there was an application to build a first floor extension at 300 Kentish Town Road, which was thankfully refused permission. The planning officer came to visit me at the time to look at what effect the extension would have on my house. She said that the new extension would reduce the light and outlook from my house in a completely unacceptable way. The new extension being applied for is just as bad - in fact my neighbour has shown me the drawings and I see that it would be even closer to my house than the 2007 proposal was. So it would be even worse. I would like to invite you to visit me if you would like to see how this extension would affect my house, and I trust that you will come to the same conclusion as the other planning officer.

I assume that because the new extension will also be so close to the houses on Leverton Place that it will also cause problems with light and outlook for them as well.

I also have problems with the roof terrace at the back of 300 Kentish Town Road overlooking my property. They sometimes have loud parties out on the terrace late into the night, and look down into my kitchen and right across into my bedroom. This is a complete invasion of my privacy. I have to shut the blinds in the day sometimes to stop them looking straight in at me. I strongly object to the terrace as it is and also to any terraces for a new proposal.

I also want to say something about the amount of rubbish left out on the streets by the occupants of 300 Kentish Town Road. I understand that the businesses, especially the restaurant, produce a lot of rubbish, but they put it out at the front on Kentish Town Road all day long, every day. At least it is collected every day though. However the residents of the flats also put their rubbish out every day, even though it is only collected once a week. The bin bags get ripped and rubbish blows all around the place. This has been going on for years, and no action has been taken about it. I think that if the owner wants to increase the number of residents in the building, he should be made to have a storage area for waste and recycling in the building where it can be stored and collected from or put out on the right day or the week. The situation as it stands is unhygienic and causes a continual unsightly mess. If nothing is done about it, and the number of residents increases, the situation will only get worse.

Finally I want to complain about the rooftop mechanical equipment for the restaurant. It is very old and noisy, and also very big. The drawings for the new proposals do not show where this equipment will be placed. This is a big concern to me, as it could be put right outside my bedroom window. I think the owner is deliberately not showing this on the drawings to hide the problem until it is too late for any neighbour to complain.

I request that the proposals be refused planning consent.

Yours sincerely,

Elsie Dix

