

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2015/2607/P	Jennifer Carter	39 Gayton Road	25/06/2015 22:17:10	OBJ	<p>This application will cause enormous disruption to my professional and personal life. Living in the adjoining basement flat means it is impossible to escape the noise this will produce. I am a concert pianist, and need to practice at least 5 hours every day. This will prove utterly impossible, as it did when 40 Gayton Road had similar works carried out this January. The noise was so loud that it was impossible to hear myself play, and the walls shook. I actually had to go next door to ask them to stop using their machines for an hour so I could rehearse for an imminent concert.</p> <p>The two rooms adjoining their property are my living room and bedroom. I cannot do any work in my bathroom, therefore it would force me out of my property. Hiring practice rooms with a good piano in would be prohibitively expensive. I also regularly perform outside London and have to travel back late at night. Beginning loud and substantial building works at 8am will curtail my sleep and wellbeing. I work through every weekend, and have some time off only during the week-meaning I cannot relax at all in my flat for the duration of these works, as I work almost every evening in the week.</p> <p>Working at the Royal College of Music for a half day, Royal Academy of Music for a whole day and Guildhall School of Music for 3 days on a weekly basis means I have to maintain my personal practice. If this is compromised, I will certainly lose my job(s).</p> <p>I have endured these kinds of works twice before, once in Whittington Road N22 from September 2010-December 2010 where I had to hire rooms expensively elsewhere as the building work was so loud. I also had to deal with neighbours having building works in Salisbury Road N4 (February-May 2010) where the builders drilled through a water pipe and flooded my bathroom.</p> <p>The builders have been inconsiderate so far, starting to bang on the wall before 8 am and leaving pallets in the street overnight (I have pictures).</p> <p>We have already coped with 4 weeks of these works in May/June so far this year, as well as 2 weeks in January. It is cruel to expect neighbours to continue to put up with such disruption, particularly those who cannot leave their homes for the duration.</p>
