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2015/3377/P	Myra Farnworth	2c Lindfield Gardens	07/08/2015 07:36:22	OBJEMPER	1. The basement and swimming pools can cause long term damage to neighbouring properties and environment, especially the subterranean water flow 2. They plan to take down trees, and there is questionable control on the tree replacement I AM AN ALLOTMENT HOLDER AT BRANCH HILL ALLOTMENTS.

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2015/3377/P	Maria Lombardo	6 Firecrest Drive London NW3 7ND	07/08/2015 21:52:08	OBJ	<p>As residents a property directly adjoining 17 Branch Hill we strongly oppose the proposed development.</p> <p>The new proposal is in many parts substantially unchanged with respect to the previous planning application 2015/0457/P withdrawn by the owners in March following an overwhelming negative reaction and very valid objections from the neighbours and other institutions. Hopefully the Council will not look favourably at a new application submitted in the middle of the holiday season when many neighbours are away and unable to bring forth their concerns.</p> <p>ACOUSTIC POLLUTION. The proposal is not respectful of the peaceful environment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposal includes the installation of several condensers, ventilators and other mechanical plants that would produce noise, unpredictably and virtually continuously. The most recent proposal has even increased the number of condensers and positions them closer to the neighbouring houses in Firecrest Drive and Savoy Court, thereby increasing the acoustic pollution. 2. The relevant question here is not whether the noise produced by the plants is bearable or within the maximum limits established by the law. The relevant point here is that the proposed installations would dramatically change Firecrest Drive from a very quiet area to one with mechanical noise. 3. These mechanical plants appear to be positioned closer to Firecrest Drive than to the new property. It appears that they have made their convenience a priority at the expense of their neighbours. PLANS SHOULD POSITION ALL DEVICES PRODUCING NOISE WITHIN THE OWNERS' BUILDING or in a noisier part of the property, towards Branch Hill. 4. The acoustic test described in the Environmental Noise Assessment report produced by Acoustic Plus (dated 10/6/2015) was not done appropriately and is not acceptable, as it was performed in the noisier driveway close to the road (Branch Hill), rather than on the silent Firecrest Drive. (see paragraph 3.4 on page 6). 5. Paragraph 6.27 of the Environmental Noise Assessment Report explains that the condensers would be used also as secondary heating source supplementing the primary heating system. This implies that the new condensers and ventilators would produce much higher noise throughout the year. 6. The applicant plans to use acoustic louvres to help minimise the impact of the noise produced by all the new condensers and ventilation systems. Even though acoustic louvres can help to reduce noise egress, the overall impact would still be a significant increase in noise for the surrounding neighbours. 7. Firecrest Drive is a very peaceful area and we are very concerned about the noise introduced by the proposed mechanical plants. <p>PRIVACY. The siting of the new house is closer to the existing houses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is some misinformation in the application documents presented to the Council and we are concerned that our privacy will be compromised as a result of the inaccurate assessment of how we are overlooked. The Firecrest Drive windows referred to on the third paragraph on page 13 of the "17 Branch Hill Design & Access Statement" are actual living rooms and bedrooms of private residential homes (Figure 6.2 on the same page). They are not circulation area windows as incorrectly mentioned in the document. As a consequence, the proposed plans would severely affect our privacy as the construction would overlook directly into bedrooms and living rooms of Firecrest Drive residents.

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BASEMENT EXCAVATION. The excavation proposed is another cause for serious concern.

1. Basement excavation often causes damage to neighbouring properties, and typically these problems appear a few years after the works.
2. Adequate design which avoids damage to existing and neighbouring buildings requires a verifiable model of the ground, good representative samples of the ground, tested for their mechanical properties, together with long term monitoring of water levels and their response to rainfall. The presented BIA doesn't appear to be supported by a good quality, site-specific ground investigation accompanied by long-term monitoring of water levels.

TREES.

The Tree report shows that several trees are potentially impacted

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT.

We strongly oppose the demolition of a perfectly good new building, barely 15 years old, to replace it with tons more concrete.

The application makes non-credible statements, such as "the current users of the existing building experience high on-going living and maintenance costs due to inefficient choice of materials during the construction" ("17 Branch Hill Design & Access Statement" page 6). Can the applicant substantiate such statements and quantify how the carbon footprint of the demolition and the new construction could be considered more cost efficient?

TWO YEARS OF HEAVYDISRUPTION IN RESIDENTIAL AREA.

The application envisages 91 weeks of work. Given the magnitude of the works, these may easily become 2 years or longer of significant disruption to our daily life, with works from 8am to 6pm, six days a week including Saturdays.

We work and our two children go to school. It is easy to see how their ability to rest, do their homework, prepare for their exams and in general our ability to come home to find peace and rest will be badly compromised for a very long time. We are very concerned about our health.

In consideration of the fact that these works are expected to take at least a year and 9 months, the number of private homes in the immediate surroundings, and our basic need to find some peace and rest in our private homes, I wonder if we could obtain that the works are undertaken on workdays, Monday to Friday, and not during weekends.

Given the magnitude of these works it is important that the Council ensures a FAIR procedure is followed. A fair procedure would of course include arranging the committee on a date NOT in August, when the affected parties are available and are given the opportunity to represent their opinions.

We would respectfully request you to refuse the application for the above reasons.

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