

Objection 4436/P

19 Rona Road  
London NW3 2HY

Dear Tessa Craig

I am writing to you because I live at no 21 Rona Road, and am neighbour next to 19 Rona Road, whose proposed plans for building have been submitted to Camden.


Both my husband and myself are very very concerned about the impact of the proposals upon the residential amenity that we currently enjoy. Most particularly it's the increase in height, depth and footprint of the proposed rear extension on our upper floor windows and on the glazed roof of our ground-floor conservatory. We are worried because as proposed, the development will certainly lead to an increased sense of enclosure, a loss of sunlight, and general loss of residential amenity.

Moreover, Rona Road is in a conservation area, and the proposed rear extension goes beyond the historic rear building line and this seems a worrying precedent for erosion of character in the conservation area for the future.

We know it's not something that's easy to control by planning, but the impact of the proposals, particularly the digging of the large basement, will lead to significant nuisance noise and inconvenience; very possibly cracks in our own house that will need repair; and if the proposals were to go forward, we think it might be appropriate to see a construction management plan, at this stage, to explain how they are going to extract the material, the hours of work and so on.

We will be placing our objection before Monday.

If these plans go ahead we will almost certainly be looking forward to a very long period of excruciating disruption, during which time I will have to move out of the house to work (I am a writer). So, very probably, will my husband (professor at London University) if he is on sabbatical as is currently planned. It would seem difficult to bear all this if the outcome is actually as described as above. I have also spoken to numerous people about the psychological distress involved with the grinding out of a basement, months of extraordinary grinding noise.

I do hope to hear from you. 

Thank you for reading this.

Yours sincerely,

Kathy O'Shaughnessy