

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2016/1559/P	Emma Mawdsley	33 Romney Court 139-141 Haverstock Hill London NW3 4RX	10/05/2016 23:42:20	OBJ	<p>I would like to register my objection to this planning application. I am the owner of a flat in 139 Haverstock Hill, located between the 3rd and 4th floor of Romney Court and the kitchen looks out at 135 Haverstock Hill. The erection of this extension to that property will reduce the light in my kitchen.</p> <p>In addition, the extension will reduce the privacy of my flat. There is only 4.5 metres between the two properties. Whereas my kitchen is currently only overlooked by small windows in the North Elevation of 135 - with a 4th floor bathroom and a 5th floor anteroom, the proposal will mean that it is overlooked by an additional living room which is glazed all along the North side. This presents a far great overlooking issue.</p> <p>Also, I believe that the noise will have a serious health impact on my current tenant. He is a consultant at a nearby Hospital and works shifts, often sleeping during the day. If there were to be major building work in such close proximity to my flat this tenancy would, I am sure, be terminated. The only bedroom of my flat would be just 4.5 metres away from the construction site. I think that I would find it very difficult to find a tenant who would put up with this disruption, so my income from this property would be greatly reduced.</p> <p>From an aesthetic point of view, I believe that the extension to the building would not be in suited to this location. The buildings visually step down as you walk down the street. This extension will mean that the whole of the top floor is above the level of Romney Court, even though it is lower down the hill. This feature is obscured in the proposed street elevations by the careful placement of drawn trees. The trees planted around the properties are not as dense or numerous as shown in the illustration of the proposed elevation included in the design and access statement and of course will be without leaves for at least 5 months of the year. The inclusion of these exaggerated trees in the documents submitted seeks to obscure the lines of the buildings and hide the extent of the change of view. None of the attached photos shows the view straight across from the other side of the road, but rather take oblique views from other points along the street in order to mask this. Only the last of their photos on p10 shows a hint that the buildings are very close together and that one can look across from one to the other. The photos at the bottom of p12 show a more accurate representation of the change of view, but again taken from an angle rather than straight across.</p>