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2016/1986/P	frederic fricou	55/57 holmes road flat 15 nw5 3an	11/05/2016 23:04:18	OBJ	<p>We are the owner occupiers of Flat 15, 55/57 Holmes Road.</p> <p>After a detailed review of the submitted application plan for the new residential building on 52, Holmes Road, we are deeply worried of the rather significant impact such new development would have on our wellbeing and our young children's in our newly bought property.</p> <p>Indeed, we are very alarmed of the suggested height of this proposed building, which would be detrimental to the amenity of our flat and our neighbouring properties. More specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The height of this new building represents a major loss of privacy for us, having not one but 3 floors of flats with direct views in our property. Our flat features windows from the floor to ceiling, all of our rooms (parental bedroom, two children bedrooms and living room) are North facing on Holmes Road, and having 5 flats (5 families – from floors 3, 4 and 5) with their living area and balconies overlooking our property would be extremely intrusive of our privacy and our children's. This would imply having to live with our blinds shut, to prevent this constant visibility and exposure. It would be detrimental to our children's lives and upbringing. - Our property is entirely North facing. Not a single room does benefit from the natural sun at any point in the day. We balanced that lack of light by living with our blinds opened all year round and our very large windows (from floor to ceiling and one wall to the other) letting the natural light in. We are deeply alarmed by the suggested height of this planning application, having not one but 2 floors above us and potentially obstructing the natural light from entering our property. - Whilst North facing, our property features a very pleasant terrace for our children to play and us to relax. The current plan suggests these flats would have direct view into our terrace, which would impact our family's current use of this outside space, a feature that was very important for our family when we moved to the property and is still very much today. <p>In summary, whilst we wouldn't object for a new residential building on 52 Holmes Road as it would bring new families in the neighbourhood, we believe this proposal is detrimental to our amenity and wellbeing and those of other residents of surrounding properties due to its height (a 3 floors building would be acceptable provided they don't have floor to ceiling windows overlooking Holmes Road and have balconies and living areas overlooking Regis Road as there is no residential property on that side, instead of Holmes Road). The current plan would have dramatic and extremely hurtful effects on the lives of our 20 months old son and 4 years old daughter as they would have constantly their bedrooms blinds shut and live with continuous watch, openly and publicly, from the residents of this new building . Finally, it would be an invasion of our privacy in the worst possible context.</p>