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2016/3674/P	Susan Collins	129 Camden Mews NW1 9AH NW1 9AH	12/08/2016 12:57:03	OBJEMAIL	<p>Dear Camden Planning</p> <p>RE applications 2016/3674/P and 2016/3675/P</p> <p>I am writing to raise concerns about both related planning applications for 181/ 183 York Way London N7 9LN</p> <p>Café Noir have been running the Shisha tent for some time and I have had occasion, more than once, to call the noise patrol at night as they have been playing music out there (late, around midnight) which because the tent backs on to gardens of residential properties (such as ours) causes significant noise (and at night, sleep) disturbance and nuisance.</p> <p>The application itself does not state what hours the Shisha tent will be open or whether they plan to have any music or sound (radio, tv or other music) outside – which is a key issue in terms of noise nuisance in a residential setting. I would have very serious objections if the plan was to have the garden open after 6pm (normal café opening hours) and also if there were any sound systems of any description (e.g. radio, TV, stereo) at any time as the noise from this would cause serious nuisance to us in living and working in close proximity. The Shisha Tent is currently advertised as being open from 4pm but with no end time which is a cause for concern.</p> <p>The application cites the fact that there is already a 24 hour nisa and other late night takeaway premises open on York Way as a precedent, suggesting that to add the Shisha tent into this environment will not make any difference. I beg to differ. We are already suffering from late night noise and anti social behavior and activity in this vicinity and to add yet another late night premise for the purpose of smoking and shisha will not help. However there is also a key difference with these premises in that the Shisha tent actually backs onto gardens (not the street) so the noise has a much greater negative impact on residents (like us). The sound emanating from the shisha tent really transmits which is why we have already noticed it and had cause to complain.</p> <p>I would question the case for having an additional large outside smoking area for Café Noir (they already have a decked area on the street in York Way for smoking customers), surely planning should not be encouraging more smoking and also more air (as well as noise) pollution.</p> <p>On a more positive note a green roof would be a welcome addition to the area. However we are still waiting for the green roof that was a condition of planning on the outbuilding at the back of 282 that backs on to our house. It has been years since the building has been completed and we are still waiting for the promised green roof (and looking out on a significant eyesore in the meantime). The council has not yet managed to enforce this condition (despite my following it up on a number of occasions). So I would be very concerned if this application were to go through on the basis of the promise of a green roof.</p> <p>Losing the residents car parking (application 2016/3675/P) is likely to lead to increased pressure on parking in the surrounding streets which are already full to capacity for residents parking.</p>

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As it stands the application is not nearly detailed enough about many aspects of the proposal. Opening hours? sound systems? Capacity? What will be served there? Will it be licensed? Are there toilets on the premises? (we already have many of the visitors to the premises on York Way using Camden Mews as a public urinal at all hours of the day and night so this is a very real concern).

The only way that this application might be acceptable is if all of the following are included as conditions (and followed through):

- it is only open normal café hours (i.e. 9am-6pm)
- there is no amplified sound in the outside area (no screens, stereo, radio, tv etc)
- there are toilets on the premises (there may be but the application doesn't tell us)
- the green roof is implemented

With regards

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