

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2016/4401/P	Mike and Kathryn Bieber	141 Cholmley Gardens nw6 1ab	09/09/2016 11:18:54	COMNOT	<p>We would like to object to the Planning Application 2016/4401/P for the following reasons.</p> <p>The application shows that the flue from the planned new boiler house will no longer go from the roof of the boiler house. Instead, it will be taken over to one of the blocks of flats, and the stack will go up on the outside of the side wall nearer to the boiler house, at the rear corner of the building. It will rise to shortly above the level of the flat roof, where the waste gasses and particles will be discharged.</p> <p>We live in the top floor flat of that side of the block. We are long-lease holders, in common with the vast majority of the other residents of the estate, each of whom is a shareholder of the applicant company. The company's board, all fellow leaseholders, has submitted the planning application. Unfortunately, it has done so without apparently having considered how the works proposed in the planning application might affect residents, or consulting any of those affected.</p> <p>We have two main concerns about the stack. Firstly, the flue will be against the side wall of our largest room, one we use as a living room and also as a guest bedroom for family and friends: it is in continuous use, and we are writing this objection from there now. The boiler will be operating 24/7. We understand that there will be continuous noise and vibrations, with frequent louder noises; it may well increase the temperature of the wall. This noise, increased heat and vibration will have a huge negative impact on our use of the room, ruining our peace and quiet day and night without respite.</p> <p>Secondly, the flue will discharge its waste gasses outside and just above our flat. One of our main pleasures in the flat is to sit on our balcony. In view of the discharge of pollutants such as carbon monoxide and particulate matter just outside our balcony and the windows, this will no longer be possible. Nor will we be able to open the room's windows to get fresh air – this is particularly important for us as the composition of the flat roof leads to the flat retaining heat, so that in summer it feels baking, and we try to create a throughflow of air between our front room and this room. Likewise, we won't be able to open our bathroom's windows, as they are next to the rear room along the side wall.</p> <p>There is no mention of the proposed stack and flue in the application, save for drawing Proposed Elevation D (key number 07). We do not know what advice the Board took, or what estimated measurements were considered about the likely amount and effects of the inevitable noise, vibrations, heat, and flue emissions. There do not appear to be details of the composition and arrangements of the flue and its interior, and of what effect these might have on all the likely problems. No air/gas pollution output report appears to have been provided in compliance with the Clean Air Act.</p> <p>We want to object to this application in the strongest terms and urge that it is rejected, because of the tremendous noise and vibration and pollution that would affect our lives, and the likelihood that these will cause a statutory nuisance.</p> <p>We would like to attend any hearing that takes place.</p>