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 To:
 Smith, Kristina

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 Planning

Subject: Application No: 2016/5613/P

Faircroft Vale of Health London NW3 1AN

Dear Kristina Smith Planning Officer Camden Council.

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Further objections.

Our terrace is actually one very big block/building from Lea Steps to Beechy Cottage and Heathurst with walls in-between defining the houses. It has stood for 136 odd years on precarious ground without foundations (in the modern sense) and with many streams running under it and without subsiding or cracking or having water rising into the ground floors because it is one big block sitting on a very big area of soft ground. It is this mass and structure which keeps it safe as well as all the walls between which are supporting each other. If left alone it will no doubt last another 100 or more years, however if it is interfered with by demolishing any of its structure (which is in fact what keeps it sound) it will be weakened and start to move. Getting permission to demolish entire walls means others can do the same and the more walls demolished the more it will crack up and subside.

My garden is only about 7 feet wide. My little terrace outside my sitting/dining/kitchen already has a very, very high wall on the south side and if the application is passed it will have a similar wall almost as high on the north side effectively boxing it in giving a dark damp feel to it. Their huge terrace will if allowed effectively destroy my little garden terrace. The applicants want everything for themselves regardless of the cost to others. Replacing the conservatory with a very big rectangular room with a very large terrace on top of it will mean a considerable loss of amenity and detrimental effect to my house and terrace/garden as will the proposed large terrace on top of it have. Replacing the existing conservatory with a new better more beautiful conservatory gives the applicants the same floor area at no considerable cost to neighbours. That is what should happen.

The proposed terrace will be very intrusive and prominently sited and highly visible from all round including the Heath during the winter months when the leaf cover disappears. It will be out of character with the existing terrace of houses. Being raised so high it will impact on the quiet enjoyment of our gardens and all the neighbours gardens as well, not just the 2 neighbours abutting the terrace. There are grave concerns about noise as the terrace will be only a few metres from our bedrooms and looking into them as well, again noise not just for the 2 neighbours abutting the terrace but for all those around.

Yours sincerely

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