

Objection to New Planning Application Ref: 2016/4989/P

The experience of local residents, having been starved of detailed information and never consulted about their views on this proposed development from the very beginning, easily the most complicated in recent decades, has not exactly been a happy one.

After all the battles to have the massive increase in size (some 257%) of the proposed synagogue reduced in mass, it is, frankly, a bit galling to now see a request to have those reductions reintroduced again in this new application, and on top of the flood of requests for various amendments to just about every aspect of the one granted back in January.

Almost too many to mention, but: increases in height, alterations to the facade, to window locations and other external alterations, to rooftop plant, changes of materials and boundary; not to mention alterations to and use of the small-sized forecourt, and related issues of noise and light pollution, parking...

All this means that neighbours and local residents are now even more confused, concerned and worried what this building, in their long-settled residential conservation area, is going to look like.

This application is insensitive and should not be allowed.

The synagogue may have won their building, but they have lost their neighbours.

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