

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2017/0618/P	Barbara Brekle	Matilda Apartments 4 Earnshaw St London WC2H8AJ	15/03/2017 15:07:39	OBJ	I oppose the planning application submitted for demolition of the existing office building at Castlewood House and the erection of an 11 storey office building. The submitted design would compromise the privacy of residents at Matilda apartments, as the windows and roof terrace of the proposed new Castlewood House would directly face the windows of the Matilda apartment flats in close proximity across Bucknall St. In addition the power plant on top of the new Castlewood House would affect the air quality and also create a noise nuisance, particularly as it would be so close to the windows of the Matilda building. I am also concerned that commercial traffic will increase in an already very busy street and already high levels of noise will further increase.
2017/0618/P	Azeem Ahmad	Flat 43 Matilda Apartments 4 Earnshaw St WC2H 8AJ	15/03/2017 20:05:44	OBJ	<p>I live directly opposite at Matilda Apartments. Having reviewed the plans at several meetings and doing my own ground survey I would like to oppose this application based on the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The footprint of the building at the upper floors will take over the entire floor area. This means that the current garden area will now be incorporated. This will mean having office windows only a few metres from my bedroom window. I already have office windows from next door and this will mean that there will be office windows on all my window aspects less than 10metres away. There will be an intrusion of my privacy, more than currently exists with the new Tate Modern Building and their neighbours!</li> <li>2. The plant will be located close to Bucknell Street and away from New Oxford Street. I am concerned around the noise as it will be so close to our bedroom windows. In summer when our windows are open this will be an additional noise less than 10 metres away.</li> <li>3. The sound travels upwards and I am concerned that with the increased activation of the lower floors that the sound will be off a great nuisance to residents. This will be particularly problematic to residents with young children during the summer months when the windows are open.</li> <li>4. There is currently a wind tunnel problem at the entrance of Matilda apartments and there does not seem to be sufficient tests to prove that the new height and greater footprint will add to this problem at our location. The wind problem from Centre Point is dangerous for cyclists as I have discovered having almost been blown off on several blowy days. On those said days I had no problem cycling around other areas of Central London.</li> <li>5. The additional height of the building closer to our apartments will be overbearing with office workers being able to look into our flats from additional levels. This will make resident living in Central London secondary to creating increased offices space. The balance between resident's needs for comfortable living against financial gain for developers needs to be looked at with this development proposal.</li> </ol>