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2018/1262P	[REDACTED]	02/06/2018 01:22:19	OBJ	<p>My family and I, all residents of the flat at 41a Parkway NW1 7PN, do not agree with the change of the position of the plant and kitchen extract system carried out by the owner of the restaurant at 41 Parkway NW1 7PN, which is below our flat, for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Firstly there is the problem of noise. The level of noise is very high all over the house day and night, exceptionally high in rear bedroom, kitchen/dining room and staircase. The noise is especially annoying and disturbing during the night as the system very often keeps working after the restaurant has closed. Now the extract motor is at a distance of half a meter from the wall of our flat instead of its previous position at the far end of horizontal pipes which ran along the terrace, about 8 metres away. Not only the kitchen extract system but also the air conditioning has been relocated. It used to be at the far away side of the terrace but now it is close to the back wall of our flat, which makes the noise conditions worse. 2) Besides the huge problem of noise there is also the problem of smell and fumes. When we open a back window there are kitchen smell and fumes coming in, with fumes being the most dangerous part emitted day and night. Depending on the direction of the wind the whole flat can be immediately filled with fumes causing cough and heavy smell. This is especially affecting the quality of air in the rear bedroom which can hardly be used any more, never with open window. The position of the origin of the fumes so close to our windows leads them directly into the house. 3) When the pipes of the plant are working they are heated. If we want to open the window for fresh air, especially on warm days, hot air enters the flat. 4) The drainage pipes of our flat were reinstalled without our permission so as to leave space for the plant. Now the main pipe runs with curves which increase the danger of blockage and also obstructs the opening of the staircase window, which used to be our access to the back external side of our flat and also a second exit in case of emergency. 5) An extremely serious problem is that the cleaning, maintenance and repair of the back side of our 1st and 2nd floor flat is almost completely obstructed. We are prohibited from reaching the external back walls, windows, window ledges, gutters, roof etc. The tubes and machinery of the plant run along the back side of the building so close to the back walls of our flat, at a distance less than half a meter, just enough for the drainage pipes, that there is no space to step or put a ladder safely, or even a ladder at all. 6) Finally the presence of the steel tubes and the whole machinery tightly surrounding the house, causing health and environmental problems and excluding access to the external back side of our flat is completely depressing and suffocating in feeling. <p>The owner of the restaurant carried out the renovation works insisting that everything was according to the planning permission he held, without producing it when repeatedly asked. We were never asked about the relocation of the plant and kitchen extract system and, of course, we would never have consented to it if we had been. I believe the owner of the restaurant knew that and that's why, among perhaps other reasons, he did not ask for planning permission before the works but instead he is asking for a retrospective now, after we made two enforcement complaints to Camden Council. I also believe that the intended relocation was never even mentioned because that would have revealed his plans and he acted with complete secrecy and lack of</p>

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transparency.

In May 2017 we sent a notice to the owner of the restaurant making him aware of the health and environmental problems the new installation caused and also of the severe damages (many of which later proved irreparable) he had caused to our property during works on basement and ground floor, under our flat. He never answered and after that we complained to the Camden Council.

In conclusion the installation of the plant and kitchen extract system at the present position causes various and serious problems for us. The whole procedure was done in a secret and concealing way. Firstly we were not informed about the relocation as we had the legal right. Secondly, we were repeatedly told, in a misleading way, that the permission for the works had already been granted by Camden Council and as proven by the present application of 12-03-2018 that was not true. We are bitterly disappointed with the behaviour of the owner of the restaurant who concealed his plans and intentions on purpose and caused many problems for us in favour of his business.

For all the above reasons we kindly request that the application for relocation of plant and kitchen extract system not be approved as it affects the quality of life of our family.
