

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2018/1997/P	Dr Harshani Green	14/07/2018 20:54:59	OBJECTION	<p>I am deeply concerned after hearing about the proposed planning proposals for Vernon House. Firstly, given that Vernon House is adjacent to our building and so any works being undertaken there will affect me, I was not made aware of the planning proposals other than word of mouth which is very concerning.</p> <p>The communal outbuilding proposal in particular is very worrying. This will have a negative impact on our community's conservation area. To remove precious garden space, which will in turn detrimentally affect the surrounding plants and trees is unacceptable. The building proposed will be visually detrimental in an area where all the surrounding buildings are of similar Victorian build. It affects so many of the properties on Princess Road who have back windows facing the gardens of St Marks Terrace/Vernon House. I paid a premium to buy property in a beautiful conservation area with clear rules to preserve outside space and the environment and subsequently our quiet community.</p> <p>Noise/parties in the adjacent gardens is easily heard from inside our building. Whenever there is a garden party which extends to the late hours, my husband and I lose sleep. I work as an oncologist and this affects my ability to work safely the next day and hence is not acceptable. I can hear the school children during the day and this demonstrates just how sensitive our buildings are to surrounding noise. Despite my best personal efforts to insulate my flat, noise is unavoidable due to the innate structure of our Victorian buildings. Creating a communal space/building behind our properties will inevitably significantly increase noise pollution even if this is proposed further down the garden and will not be directly behind my building. These plans may financially benefit the proposers in the long run but may detrimentally affect our house prices. I would not have bought my flat if there was a large communal/social area directly behind Princess Road; I would have been greatly concerned about noise pollution and its visual disruption.</p> <p>I urge the council to take very careful consideration of the negative impact of building what seems to be an unnecessary outbuilding to so many of the residents in the surrounding community. This is not a large open space with plenty of room for new buildings, any new ventures such as these affect all of us, the surrounding nature and our quality of life. As a community member I respectfully request that you take my concerns and those of other community members into consideration.</p> <p>Very best wishes,</p> <p>Dr Harshani Green (nee Chandrasekera) BSc MBBS MRCP FRCR</p>