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2018/1890/P	Gail Crossland	25/09/2018 15:37:58	OBJ	45 New Compton Street is a defective building - see Camden"s own commissioned report by Redden/Horton Levi 2009/10.

The outer cavity walls of the building are not waterproofed. As a result, the cracks, holes and fissures in the bricks and pointing of the outer walls and window frames that have developed over the years, allow rain water to permeate into the cavity wall. With no means of escape the moisture penetrates the inner walls and floors of our flats resulting in damp and black mould, especially during the winter months. It is particularly bad in the bedrooms. This is hazardous to our health and has been so now for over 15 years. How can the Council possibly permit developers to build new flats on the roof and basement of this building when mould and damp is so rife in the existing flats.

Now they are applying to fit 12 external air conditioning units to these defective walls.

Air conditioning systems use powerful greenhouse gases - hydrofluorocarbons, thousands of times more potent than carbon dioxide. These gases leak out into the atmosphere, thereby increasing emissions of HFCs and adding to climate change. We in central London, already have the most dangerous levels of air pollution in the whole of Europe breaching legal limits and we most certainly should NOT be arbitrarily adding to this. There will too, be an unacceptable level of noise emitted from these units particularly to those flats and bedroom windows directly above them. Air conditioner noise is not a mere nuisance but a serious health issue due to its constant, chronic nature. People should be entitled to sleep peacefully without vibrating, droning, wall-piercing low frequency mechanical noise destroying their sleep and health. We already have unprecedented noise levels at this address. Apart from the gangs of drug addicts roaming up and down our street disturbing our sleep day and night, we also have 24 hour traffic noise, cars hooting & tooting constantly, lorries and cars parked with loud engines running for long periods, police and ambulance sirens throughout the day and night.. and so on.

For all the above reasons, I strongly object to the roof and basement developments as well as the addition of air conditioning units.

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