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Sent: 17 March 2019 10:57
To: Planning [REDACTED]
Cc: Chris Jaeger [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to Planning Application 2018/6048/P for Flat 4, 5 Hemstal Road, NW6 2AB, dated 14-03-2019

Dear Sirs,

I am writing with regard to the Planning Application **2018/6048/P** for Flat 4, [5 Hemstal Road, NW6 2AB](#), dated 14-03-2019.

My name is Johanna Houtepen and I [REDACTED] hereby lodge my strong objection with regard to the above mentioned planning application for the following reasons:

Loss of Privacy. The proposed extension will directly overlook our garden as well as encroach on the privacy of the kitchen area, and first and second floor bedrooms. There is very little distance between No. 5 [REDACTED] and despite some of them not having been marked on the drawings, the latter has French doors and large windows directly adjacent to the boundary and thus to the proposed Extension and Balcony. Although the Extension itself does not appear to have a window to the side, the planned Balcony (not properly marked on the plan, but mentioned in the Planning, Design & Access Statement!) will essentially become a viewing gallery to my garden and house. At present neither residents in Dynham Road nor in No.1 and No.5 Hemstal Road can closely look in our garden and especially the house given viewing angles, the presence of large trees and distance. People on the balcony would be able to see our every move and listen into many a conversation.

Additional Noise. As there is very little distance between the planned balcony and our house and garden (just a couple of meters), I am concerned that the proposed balcony when in use will lead to significant additional noise and disturbance, impacting on the quiet enjoyment of the property especially given that children are sleeping in bedrooms directly adjacent to the proposed balcony. Evidently, the balcony would mainly be used when it is warm -and not just for quietly enjoying the sun but also for barbecues and drinks- and windows and doors would thus be open. The French doors to the kitchen and the first floor bedroom window are just a couple of meters away, without any sound reducing barrier in between. Placing a high barrier would not be a solution, negatively impacting the sunlight into our house and garden and hardly reducing noise disturbance. It is simply too close and it would be as if people were enjoying themselves right in front of us.

Impact on Rentability. Lastly, as we have had to move abroad for work reasons and the house is now rented out. It will be much more difficult to rent out with the proposed Extension and Balcony, given the reasons above (you can't miss the Balcony when viewing the property), leading to a potential loss in revenue or even a house standing empty. The current tenants also strongly object and have indicated they might leave.

Please note that planning applications for similar Extensions and Balconies have already been made several times in the past and have either been rejected or withdrawn. I and many neighbors have voiced our strong objections to each of the

these planning applications. Although the Planning, Design & Access Statement states that the proposed changes to the design of the Extension and Balcony address previously raised concerns, they do NOT address OUR fundamental concerns regarding the proposed construction project.

Can you please confirm receipt of this objection and notify us of the committee date.

Yours sincerely,

Johanna Houtepen

Comments made by Johanna Houtepen

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Sent from my iPad