From:
 11 April 2019 21:33

 To:
 Farrant, Ben

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Subject: Formal Objection to Planning application # 2019/1103/P - Report attached

Attachments: 9 Pilgrims Lane statement.pdf

Dear Mr Farrant and Camden Planning,

My family and I live at Grade 2-listed Sidney House, 7 Pilgrims Lane, whose North-East wing is 9 Pilgrims Lane, the subject of the above-referenced application. The two properties once formed one residence owned by the Duke of Devonshire, and have a close, interconnected relationship dating back to the late 1700's.

We are extremely concerned by the proposal to alter this historic property with a large, rear extension, which is completely out of keeping with the Georgian building and the conservation area, and whose size would affect the light to our kitchen, dining room and basement windows.

For that reason, we commissioned a comprehensive report by heritage expert Philip Davies, the former Planning and Development Director for London and South East England at English Heritage (Historic England). The attached report finds that the above-mentioned proposal would cause demonstrable harm to the listed building and the wider setting of the conservation area, and, as such, the proposals are contrary to national and local planning policy. The proposal also contravenes a 1918 covenant binding on both properties. Mr Davies would like to speak on our behalf at any committee meeting.

We also commissioned an independent Right of Light surveyor, who found that the proposal would breach BRE guidelines. His letter will be submitted separately in the next few days.

As well as our personal concerns, there is a lot of local concern from neighbours whose houses overlook the proposal.

For all of the above reasons, I urge you to consider the attached document and the many fundamental flaws in this application.

I look forward to your response and would be happy to communicate further at any time. I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt by return email.

Sincerely,

C. Green