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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to planning application 2019/1359/P

Please accept my objection with respect to planning application 2019/1359/P, retrospective planning permission for an air conditioning unit and to create a chipboard enclosure for said unit, at 21 South End Road.

It is disappointing that the unit in question, which is the second on the roof, is only now coming forward for planning permission, despite the work being stated as beginning in March 2016 (as per the application). In choosing to put up the unit without planning permission (despite the first unit having been granted permission), no consultation was undergone with the neighbours, and most notably Maryon Mews who sit behind the property and are therefore directly affected by both the sight and noise of the unit.

Those living in Maryon Mews, which is within a Conservation Area, describe the loud and unwelcome noise coming from this unit. The Noise Impact Assessment Report states in paragraph 8.4 that the rating noise level is predicted to be 51dB which is 7dB above the baseline figure, which is *"is an indication of the specific sound source having a significant adverse impact depending on the context"*.

Furthermore, I note that table 5.1a demonstrates measured noise volumes well above this prediction, which 62.8 dB measured at 17:10 on 26/2/19. This was recorded to be *"audible"*.

It is due to this prediction that an enclosure is proposed. However, the suggested enclosure is both unsightly and not guaranteed to mitigate the impact; the Noise Impact Assessment Report does not make a prediction as to the noise level with the enclosure, but simply states it to have gone down to *"low impact"*. Without a modelled prediction it is difficult to understand on what basis that opinion is taken.

The building is within the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan area, and therefore due weight should be given to the Plan in considering the application. The proposal does not meet the Plan's requirements, and it should be noted that the Design and Access Statement does not reference the Neighbourhood Plan. Section 3.7 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan states that, *"Where applicable, the design and access statement [...] of any planning application must explain and illustrate: (a) how the design considers the defined special character of the vicinity as described in the Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Strategies..."*. This clearly has not been done in this case and it is my belief that the application does not consider the nature of the area.

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I hope that the officers and committee will give careful consideration to this matter. This unit was erected without planning permission, and has caused significant harm to the neighbours.

Retrospective applications where harm is known to have been caused call into question the planning permission processes upheld by Camden Council, and the disregard for the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan and Conservation Area make this application, in my opinion, unsuitable for approval.

Kind regards,

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