To the Planning officer in charge of Planning Application 2019/3213/P

Camden Council 5 Pancras Square Kings Cross London N1C 4AG

Dear Sirs,

Objection to final plans for 150 Haverstock Hill – the promised sound proofing not installed – 2019/3213/P

As there is no provision for comments to this final details planning application on the Camden Council website, hereby this letter.

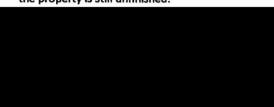
I refer to meeting notes September 26 with the Planning Inspector at Camden Council, when the then owner of 150 Haverstock Hill appealed the councils decision to refuse this redevelopment, explicitly promised that the wall to would have sound-proofing.

The wall joining 150 is extremely sound carrying — to the point that people I speak with on the phone can hear the slightest work or speech in 150 and I have spoken about the sensitivity of this wall repeatedly to Pro-Con Developments.

They have repeatedly assured me that there will be sound-proofing in this wall, only to find out from the workers installing insulation that no soundproofing is installed in this wall, only thermal insulation.

With the plan to install the kitchen appliances along this wall, the life will become unbearable as this wall abuts my living room AND my workroom from where I run my business as ahead-hunter and coach speaking to people on the phone...

Hence I ask the council to enforce the promised sound proofing in this wall, while the property is still unfinished.





Objection to final plans for 150 Haverstock Hill – the promised sound proofing not installed

is the only property severely affected by the redevelopment of 150 Haverstock
Hill - which the council originally refused.

There is only one wall of this development that is sound sensitive. The inner left wall (north-east direction) being a party wall with my living room.

Every sound carries through this wall, amplified by by the extremely narrow and small space on the 150-side that makes sounds reverberate and amplify.

In the meeting when the development was finally approved, I was assured that there would be good sound-proofing on this wall. The Developer Pro-Con Developers bought the site with this planning permission.

Throughout the building works I have been reassured that there will be sound proofing on this wall. Speaking to the team that did the insulation work I found out there is not sound proofing installed, only simple thermal insulation.

This means that the noise levels are almost the same as before insulation was added, even with plastering finished. I could hear the 'swooshes' from the plastering being put on through the wall last Sunday (working time not agreed with me by the developer they just sent in people working at 8am on Sunday June 30).

Visiting the property by chance early Sunday morning – to see what was going on – I find out not only that the wall is insulated with **only thermal insulation** and about to be plastered, but also that the design has changed from kitchen at the back of the room to all the appliances and zinc, cooker etc. being lined up along my living room wall.

The to date the 9 months of building works has been a living hell. The all day-long noise - I work and live in 150a - has been exhausting and I have had many conversations with the developer for their worker to understand just how much noise carries through this wall. 150 is 10 times more noise disturbing than the entire demolition and jackhammer drilling under my kitchen wall of Upper Park Road 2A + the whole row of houses, as I have the kitchen as a noise buffer towards that development.

There is no such buffer towards 150. All noise travels straight through the wall.

Every sound can be heard through the wall currently – with the thermal insulation there – every step, walking up and down the staircase, every word spoken, even the swoosh of plaster being put on the wall.

I cannot accept that the design goes ahead as now indicated – either the kitchen moves back to the back wall as originally planned or proper sound-proofing is installed.

With the hardship I am already put through: With the approval of the 150 second floor, I now have 0% daylight in my living room during winter, no sunlight at all year round and no sun shine on my terrace except at sunrise as the new 150 wall blocks all light.

In addition the redevelopment approved of Upper Park Road 2 will tower almost 1½ floor above my property, cutting out all light on the fourth side of my property – I will be completely blocked in on four sides.

I think asking for proper soundproofing of this wall is a very reasonable request.

Looking forward to hearing from you, the acknowledgement of receipt of this objection and the resolution of the sound proofing issue.

