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2019/2976/P	elizabeth norden	31/07/2019 13:49:59	OBJLETTE R	<p>I am a resident on the first floor of House No. 14 directly opposite No. 16 west side elevation . My bedroom window looks directly out onto No 16</p> <p>The proposed application will impact on me . I am objecting to the possibility of invasion of privacy , impact on natural lighting and the noise of building works , which will impact on my sleep and my mental well being and the conservation of the property,</p> <p>I have looked very carefully at the proposed plans as submitted for planning application 16 St Albans Road. NW5 1RD , App. No. 2019/2976/P.</p> <p>1)Looking at PDF "Rear Elevation as proposed". The numbering of the houses are incorrect. It appears on a few of the architectural drawing.</p> <p>The middle house with proposed new works is indeed NO. 16</p> <p>The house to the right of this (west side) is NOT no 18 but No. 14 (with tree in front)</p> <p>The house to the left of NO. 16 (i.e immediately adjoining no. 16) is NOT no. 14 but No. 18</p> <p>Whilst this might seem a small point on the architectural plans it does make me question that there is possible misinformation and understanding of the layout of the properties on either side of 16, in particular No 14.</p> <p>I note in comments of the planning officer . "This is a minor reconfiguration which will bring environmental benefits by the removal of a rather ugly first floor studio/granny flat at the rear allowing a larger rear garden. The new matching window on the West elevation will not impact on the adjoining property, as there is no window opposite at No.14 and a roof light is at a much higher level. "</p> <p>No 14 does have windows to the east elevation. ground floor and 1st floor. Whilst currently no window directly opposite the bedroom window of the flat C (which is mine) from no 16 the proposed new window will be opposite at a diagonal vantage to flats on ground and 1st floor. How is this not an impact?</p> <p>2)There is already reduced lighting between 14-16 . Eg. If there is a proposal for a Flat Roof at Floor level one, It is not clear if this flat roof is being elevated in which case this will impact on our natural lighting and especially for ground floor flats. From my understanding I think there is only partial removal of the " ugly granny flat" so it would seem that this flat roof invites the possibility of a roof terrace.</p> <p>It is also not clear if this flat roof is meant to be used as a terrace/ outdoor seating area. If so it would only be natural that the owner/occupiers could at a later date add some form of fencing/ side wall / plants to add to their privacy thereby impacting further on the natural light of the pathway and flats' interiors of No 14 .</p> <p>Up to this date no such activity has ever taken place .</p> <p>What proposals are being made and possibly enforced that this will not become a private flat roof garden that</p>

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has bypassed planning rules?. However well intentioned the neighbours might be, they have a vantage point onto the communal gardens, the side pathway and the flats opposite. (Please note that some of the residents here have disabilities and ongoing mental health issues) It could be an imposition on their already difficult lives to have to cope with neighbours having a view point onto the back communal gardens of No. 14 as well as our flats.

2)West Elevation as existing. shows 2 windows - ground floor- to left of side door and before the extension West Elevation as proposed . shows the removal of one of these windows nearest to the extension. . this was not included in the description of the application. Why ? It raises the thought that if this is a deliberate or accidental omission in the application description , a window change by blocking it has some impact on the conservation of the arts and crafts style that the new vendors wish to retain. This is a very important factor of this neighbourhood. Another reason I question an added window on the 2nd floor of the west elevation for conservation reasons. Omission of a proposed blocked window will naturally raise suspicions with regards to the validity of this application.

Finally , as I mentioned at the beginning, I have grave concerns as to the length of time the building works will take, in particular where there will be windows knocked in or out, demolition of the granny flat etc should this application be successful .Neighbours living and sleeping on the west side opposite No. 16 side will be impacted by a huge amount of insufferable noise.

Please can I/ we know what steps are being taken to keep noise to minimal and even what the daily start and end time of building works occurs. Lost sleep impacts on my work (I work freelance) If my health deteriorates due to noise factors impacting on my sleep , I lose income. Therefore I would seek for particular reassurance and possible compensation.

Further if the vendors intend not to stay at the property whilst these current works are carried out, who would be a person of contact. If the noise is insufferable, which it will be , I/we could be forced to move or even to change the set up of our current living set ups within our flats to cope. Sound rises and will be amplified by the nature of the close proximity and height of the walls between the No. 14 and No. 16

Please can you notify me of the committee date. If it is possible I would like to attend

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