

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/0141/P	Craig McWilliam	13/03/2020 12:52:42	OBJ	<p>I want to write to object to the new application that has been submitted at this property.</p> <p>There are two issues:</p> <p>The first is that despite their previous assurances, the developer has submitted a new application to put external air conditioning equipment on the rear flat roof. This is even closer to the houses on Doughty Street than their previous proposal.</p> <p>The equipment will be very noisy, disturbing the sleep and amenity of households along Doughty Street, all of whom have bedrooms facing towards the rear. The enclosure is large and unsightly and is not at all appropriate within the setting of the listed buildings that surround the subject property. The same noise survey from an older application has been included and I have already commented that I believe this is not adequate as there were building works going on - and in any event they have moved the enclosure closer to the houses.</p> <p>We believe that the application should be rejected outright as the placing of external plants here is unnecessary and totally inappropriate. The best option would be that they do not have mechanical cooling equipment at all. If they must have cooling then they must sacrifice space from within the building to place it away from the housing and must also accept limits on the times when the equipment can be operated.</p> <p>The second issue is the inclusion of a railing around the glazed roof at the rear. This has been placed on top of our party garden wall that is part of the curtilage of the listed properties on Doughty Street. The rail is useless as no one can walk on the glazed roof, it obstructs the existing maintenance access to the wall (i.e. along its top) and is unsightly. Its not at all appropriate. I am concerned that the applicant wants to include this as they intend in the future to use the rear glazed area as outside amenity space for the office - this would effectively mean anybody using it would be standing in our garden!</p> <p>Please can I ask that this application is recommended for refusal.</p>
