

Application No:	Consultee Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/5880/P	Jordi	14/02/2021 18:29:02	OBJ	<p>As a direct neighbour of two of these three identical 'erection of a fourth storey' planning applications, we neither object nor support these proposals, however, we very strongly OBJECT to the TIMING of these works.</p> <p>I understand that comments here are meant to solely address the proposed construction, and not 'normal' construction noise during 'normal' hours. This year, however, is anything but 'normal'.</p> <p>██████████ 24/7 by governmental decree. Both our work places are currently closed and not accessible (and when they aren't they are capacity-constrained), our school closes and opens back and forth with little notice, ██████████. We work from home, and depend on this for our livelihood, ██████████. We cannot currently legally work elsewhere due to covid, we cannot even escape the noise temporarily to another public or private indoor place (legally). We must stay &amp; be home during every single minute of this construction, by law.</p> <p>Since we have already experienced such construction works from our neighbours at this address, we know exactly what to expect and this is why we must object forcefully to this application at this time. 26 Lower Merton Rise had already performed an extension in 2018 that affected our party wall. These works went above and beyond the noise levels and timespan that had been initially described to us. Continuous drilling and banging on our common terraced house walls shook and vibrated our entire house, including the opposite party wall, and in all parts of all three storeys, most of the day, and most of the days for over 6 months. It is neither possible to work, concentrate, talk or be heard, or hold online meetings, nor to even 'live' in these conditions, ██████████. However, the difference now is that back then, we could leave our house during construction hours and get some occasional respite from these unlivable conditions. This time, this is an even bigger project, during COVID times, when construction projects across London are already taking longer than usual, by not even one, but two different direct neighbours (houses 22 and 26) doing work on our shared terraced house walls.</p> <p>Given that this is already either the second or third extension being built by our neighbours, this proposed work is neither their first choice of extension nor is it an emergency. Now is not the time for this construction. I strongly object to these constructions during the current ongoing pandemic and stay-at-home orders for reasons of — and I say this respectfully — basic human decency.</p> <p>What all the comments in support of these planning applications have in common is that none of their authors currently reside within line of sight or sound of these works (or else they are also petitioning for an identical project of their own). Some petitions are in generic support of 'family housing', yet the reality is that we are a family here with very real family needs, and only one of the three applicants is a family with children living at home.</p> <p>We VERY STRONGLY OBJECT to this planning application DURING THE ONGOING PANDEMIC, and in particular, until a time when work-from-home decrees and school closures are no longer expected to occur.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing our objection.</p>