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Planning Application Number 2020/5865/P

I wish to register my objections to this planning application on the following grounds :-

- 1). The scale of this basement development is so extensive it will alter the external appearance of this 100 + year old building and the symmetry of the rest of the block of houses. The proposed basement will be much more extensive than that at 56 A Fellows Road the planning application for which neither myself or my neighbours were ever notified - either by mail or by road signs. We were, therefore, denied the opportunity to voice any objections. This time all we have had is one road sign placed some distance from the property and nothing through the post. This applies to our neighbours in the adjacent properties.
- 2). The proposed works will take place directly beneath my flat and last for many months, from my experience of the work next door, probably more than a year. I am a retired teacher and have lived here for more than 35 years. I spend much of the day at home and my interests are reading, listening to music and gardening. These activities will be denied me if the work is allowed to proceed. The work will have a significant impact on my mental, general health and well being as did the previous highly disruptive development work next door. I suffer breathing problems due to a 30% loss of lung capacity which can be medically verified. The dust and micro particles will certainly adversely affect me.
- 3). My flat has suffered from ongoing structural problems which have increased since the basement development at 56 A Fellows Road. There is substantial cracking in all rooms. The large original sash window and door frames have been distorted and I believe will only get worse if the proposed works are approved. Since the last works cracks have developed in the communal hallway's structural wall bordering the stairway. I am told by my neighbours that cracks have also appeared in their flats and continue to widen.
- 4). I have had two burglaries in recent years, each reported to the police and the proposed rear extension will leave me vulnerable to intruders as the solid roof will be at my floor level allowing easy access to my bedroom and kitchen. I will no longer be safe sleeping with windows open which is something I always do in decent weather. This unappealing edifice together with the extensive protrusion of the basement into the rear garden will destroy much of the back garden and we will not have the enjoyment the view we have had of it all these years.
- 5) the front communal garden, which I have maintained for the enjoyment of all throughout these years, will be destroyed and lost in the works, as it has in other works. It will also result in the loss of many, and varied plants which give visual pleasure and provide some protection from pollution.
- 6). It is, I believe, particularly important to draw your attention to the new approved HS2 High Speed Rail twin tunnels which pass directly under Fellows Road and our property as it angles up to Merton Rise and Winchester Road. The plans show our property and building are right above the Sub-surface Safeguarding Area. Destroying the original foundation and excavating a full floor deep underground basement from front to back over the new HS2 Tunnel must be ill advised. In addition to the stresses this special old house has already suffered surely the consequences of the new HS2 High Speed tunnel and such a large deep excavation under such an old building

cannot be safely predicted. Such a large underground basement flat could also potentially act as an amplification chamber to deep ground vibrations and possible noise from the rail development.

It is for these reasons, and others I can name that I ask for this application to be rejected.

Yours faithfully ,

Bryan S Molyneux.

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