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2021/0598/P	Roger David Clarkson	05/04/2021 10:49:42	INT	<p>Letter objecting to Waldons plans</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5th April 2021</p> <p>I object to the planning application number: 2021/0598/P for Crestview flats, 47 Dartmouth Park Hill, London NW5 1JB, which would significantly blight the environment, residents' lives, health and property values. My objections are on the following grounds:</p> <p>Inadequate and incorrect information:</p> <p>It is difficult to form a precise objection to the proposal because of information is lacking or inaccurate. Waldons engineering diagrams are inadequate. How can anyone rely on Waldons engineering diagrams when significant basic information is incorrect; for example showing the wrong number of floors in Crestview?</p> <p>In Waldon's engineering diagrams the only elevation provided is for the 'South Elevation' plus plan views. No other elevations are supplied. Crestview's residents have no cohesive idea of what is proposed or where it would be placed.</p> <p>It would help to have engineering diagrams and photographs showing all views surrounding Crestview to accompanying any application. How else can residents know what the full proposal incorporates?</p> <p>It is particularly notable that Waldon's has not provided any views from the west of Crestview, that is from within the Dartmouth Park Conservation area, from where the rooftop clutter would look the worst.</p> <p>Conservation Area Issues:</p> <p>Crestview is within the Dartmouth Park Conservation area. Visual impact from immediate street level will be extensive. Mounting aerials on the edge of Crestview's roof increases the detrimental visual impacts locally and at a distance.</p> <p>The proposed telecom antenna and equipment on the roof, by reason of their location, number, height and design, would result in visual clutter which would cause harm to the character and appearance of the building, local views and the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area,</p> <p>Crestview is at the high point of Dartmouth Park Road and Laurier Road, which run through the centre of the Dartmouth Park Conservation area. Crestview dominates the skyline when travelling up either road. Waldon's aerials would be mounted at the edge of Crestview's roof; their equipment would increase, by about a third, the height above Crestview's roof. The visual impact of the roof top clutter would spoil the view locally and from a distance.</p> <p>In Waldon's "Supplementary information - Reasons for choice of design" is the statement: "The building is relatively prominent in the area, being taller than surrounding buildings. It is considered the height and bulk of the building ensures impact would be minimal and not sufficient to cause harm to either the host building or the surrounding area." This statement is nonsensical. The reverse is true. The equipment would be highly prominent in the street scene; the impact would be substantial and be harmful to Crestview and the</p>

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surrounding area.

Currently Crestview's roof is a similar height to the roof line of Saint Mary Brookfield church, a grade 2\* listed property, immediately next to Crestview flats. The installation of Waldon's masts and antennae would overpower and dominate Saint Mary Brookfield. The equipment would also be visible from Hampstead Heath, Highgate, Islington and Tufnell Park.

Health and Safety:

It appears that health concerns carry little weight, but they are nevertheless considered worth mentioning. Recent authoritative studies show that living in close proximity to mobile base stations can damage people's DNA, causing disease and it is highly likely to have an adverse long term effect. The persistence of unrepaired DNA damage leads to genomic instability which may lead to several health disorders including the induction of cancer. Crestview residents do not want and should not be forced to be within close proximity to such dangerous facilities.

Particularly concerning is that the proposed masts would be sited immediately above residents living in their homes. We are told that the proposals conform to current international guidelines on RF emission, but it is widely accepted that biological effects occur below current guidelines when people have long-term exposure to 5G. Particularly at most risk are the elderly and the young, both categories of whom live in Crestview including on the upper floors.

It is considered by a growing number of experts that such extensive 5G installations should not be sited immediately on or next to people's homes. Crestview's residents do not want to have their health potentially damaged by being Guinea pigs in a commercial experiment. There is growing concern in recent authoritative publications that long term exposure to 5G equipment can harm people's health.

Impact on Residents:

Significant disruption is envisaged both during the installation stage with internal and external building works and into the future when the telecoms companies can effectively do what they want when they choose to do so. General change of equipment and alteration of facilities would happen without residents and owners of Crestview having any control whatsoever. This may be currently legal but I consider it morally corrupt.

Crestview already suffers from problems with intruders causing nuisance and damage to our property and posing a threat to us. Waldons proposal is an additional compounding long-term threat to our safety and security through the enforcement of 24 hour, every day, access to our building.

Our human right to the peaceful enjoyment of our own properties (Human Rights Act – the right to respect for private and family life and home) would be violated. The intrusion of people and vehicles onto our property, the noise disruption and obstruction when strangers have access to our property whenever they want is deeply concerning and frightening to many residents.

In addition, with such prominent equipment installation and a strong prevailing west wind there is a likelihood

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of on-going noise nuisance from the masts and ancillary equipment and a danger of damage to the roof's structure.

Financial Impact.

Waldons have made a derisory financial offer for the proposed installation. Local estate agents have told us that such an enormous eyesore would put off potential buyers and reduce bids. The current law enforcing such roof proposals is an outrageous financial loss to homeowners.

I ask that this proposal be rejected.

Yours sincerely

Roger D. Clarkson

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