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2021/1150/P	Christine Gordon	24/05/2021 19:04:25	OBJNOT	Further to my previous email, as a tenant at Rosebery Square East, directly adjacent to the proposed works, if there should be an increase in noise in the flats at Rosebery Square East as a result of the new air conditioning units, we would expect that these should be re-sited where they will not affect our ability to open our windows, sleep at night, or use our garden space. There are c 48 flats here and the well-being of about 100 people is at stake, with 16 flats very affected by virtue of the air-conditioners being very close to our windows.		

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Christine Gordon 24/05/2021 18:54:12 COMNOT

Re Application 2021/1150/P 22- 26 Vine Hil et al.

I am one of a group of tenants in Rosebery Square East. The works to be done affect the basement and side of this block, along Warner yard and the access at the back of the block, and will have a direct effect on the entire block of flats and the deck, our outside space and garden, to which much of the works are adjacent.

First of all, I/Id like to inform the planning committee that it may have very few responses because few people First of all, I/d like to inform the planning committee that it may have very few responses because few people affected by the proposed works are aware of the application. Of the 2 notices I know of one, immediately outside the main entrance to Rosebery Square East was taken down a while ago, probably almost as soon as it was put up, and only the strings remain. The second notice, by the bus stop next to Colyer Graphics entrance, was turned around so it could only be seen if you happened to be standing next to the bus stop and was invisible to anyone on the street. Because of this bit of mischief its quite likely that only a few people know. Iill try to get more supporting responses from other neighbours by the end of this week but am very busy at work as well.

We have several concerns that we hope and expect will be addressed so that our quality of life isnit affected by the alterations:

1) Noise from the new plant

The proposed new plant on the roof of Warner Yard is about 5 metres horizontally, or less, from the nearest windows in Rosebery Sq East, not 12 metres as in the Environmental Noise Survey. The location of the plant is directly in front of and beneath the living rooms and bedrooms of flats 64-71, according to the drawings, separated by a 3 m wide deck. The new plant to be placed at the side of Warner yard is similarily beneath the bedrooms of numbers 65.67. 69.71 and close to 72, 74, 76, 78. We have no secondary glazing here.

We need assurances that the noise levels will not be increased by this new plant. It is already quite noisy from plant, air conditioning and ventilation in the local area and I find that if there are any increase in noise levels I cannot open my bedroom window at night and will be woken around 5-6 am by the noise. I have heard complaints about this type of noise from several neighbours. (This can be because of malfunctioning or overstressed air conditioning etc and also because sound echoes off the buildings.) Ideally the plant should be switched off at night, when the buildings are empty.

This means that the noise meet this WHO criteria under certain circumstances, and is precisely what live experienced

Noticeable and disruptive: 'The noise causes a material change in behaviour and/or attitude, e.g. avoiding certain activities during periods of intrusion; where there is no alternative ventilation, having to keep windows dosed most of the time because of the noise. Potential for sleep disturbance resulting in difficulty in getting to sleep, premature awakening and difficulty in getting back to sleep. Quality of life diminished due to change in acoustic character of the area. - Significant Observed Adverse Effect

We hope and expect that the Council will not allow an increase in noise. I cannot interpret exactly what to to expect from the Environmental Noise Survey, though I understand that the plant will be acoustically shielded. I hope we will get clarity on this from planning and no increase in noise levels which would be very unpleasant to live with, and a risk to health and well being. It will also affect the outside space for all the tenants.

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2) Increase in ambient light from the new roof lights. I can't see whether there will be any but we already experience very high levels of light pollution and an increase will be difficult to deal with, so we hope this will be kept to a minimum.

3) We expect that we will be consulted on a Contruction Management Plan (CMP) to minimise noise and disruption during the build and bearing in mind that a high number of vulnerable people live in this block