

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/5950/P	Eleanor and Cormac Naughten	28/05/2021 08:04:44	OBJ	<p>Objection to 2 Hillfield Road 2020/5950/P</p> <p>We wish to comment on the most recent application which has been made for this property. We would comment that this is one of many applications following the original planning permission granted in 2007 and then revised in 2008. Since then (a period of over 12 years), all that has happened is turning two habitable dwellings into a large, derelict, rat infested eyesore of a building site. The stress and disruption to the lives of the neighbours has been unacceptable through this period with the developer showing a complete disregard for anyone but himself.</p> <p>We recently objected in the strongest terms to a horrendous proposal to turn the site from 2 houses into 9 flats. Our objection to that proposal remains unchanged.</p> <p>However, although we do not particularly like the plans as now presented in this application we would not object to them given they now seem to represent a more realistic adjustment to the current permissions in place, provided this resulted in a swift completion of the work. It should be clear that our "support" is only on the basis that this moves the completion of the work to completion. Our strong view is that the developer should be made to complete the work to the current approved plans but if this adjustment enables things to move forward rather than continuing as we have for the last (nearly) year with absolutely no work on the site, then we will grudgingly accept that.</p> <p>However, given the abject failure of the developer to actually build anything since 2007, we would object to the approval of these plans unless it is accompanied by a 12 month completion order (or equivalent legal agreement to complete the works in a reasonable <12 month) timeframe. For this reason we are lodging this as an objection, on the basis that the current proposal makes no commitment to complete the work in a reasonable timescale. Furthermore we would seek such agreement to also particularly specify that the developer must adhere strictly to requirements for ongoing pest control, minimise further disruption to the neighbouring residents, and ensure no further damage is done to the public highway, including a commitment to cease to regularly block the cul de sac with large lorries and skips.</p> <p>We would point out that we have had 6 infestations of rats in the last 5 years which have cost us nearly £3000 to manage, our car has been substantially damaged in that period whilst parked in the cul de sac and that the site has been totally empty (other than acting as a home for builders working on the property opposite) since summer 2020. In addition, substantial damage has been done to the pavement outside the house by the lorries parking there. Camden Council are of course liable for any damage to person or property caused by the current state of the highway (which seems to us quite likely given the trip hazard that this has created) and should be seeking damages from the developer for the cost of repairing the highway as we do not believe that as Council Tax payers we should be funding this. We have advised Camden Council of this issue many months ago but to date nothing has been done.</p> <p>In summary we object to this application unless it is approved in combination with a legally binding commitment to complete the works as specified in a reasonable (< 12 month period). To be explicit we would absolutely object if this is seen as an opening to submit further larger planning applications and/or further delay completion of the existing plans.</p>