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Cross fit gym - reference :2021/2856/P. FAO: Leela Muthoora

I am writing to object to the proposed change of use to the building that is directly behind my home.

I would like to know more details of what exactly the Cross fit gym plans to do in the future as there is very little detail on Camden's website.

However, I would like to give you my submission to this issue. I could not find a place to enter it directly on your website.

I have lived in my home for 12 years now.

I never had any problems with the gym in previous years.

However, since Crossfit took over its management from the previous owners, we have had increasing problems.

We are often woken early by the thumping of weights being dropped on the floor which makes our whole house shake.

Then last Summer just before lockdown was lifted, they began to use the outside space at the back for the first time. They cleared a shed/building that provided a buffer between us and them, and then began to put equipment outside into the yard for customers to use!

It also became a place for customers to dump their mats and chat.

Our bathroom is directly facing this area.

It is less than 2 metres from their yard.

We have absolutely no privacy now and can no longer use our shower as anyone in the yard can see right into our bathroom now.

I have a teenage daughter and she and I feel exposed and vulnerable by this change.

It also makes our home less secure as anyone could hop over the flimsy fence and climb up onto our roof.

I did complain to them last summer about this and they put up a bit of a fence, but people can still see in and we can hear absolutely every conversation that happens there, which happens regularly.

We live on a busy, noisy road affecting the front of our house.

The only peace we can get is at the back of our house and increasingly this is being taken away from us by surrounding businesses like this gym and the yoga place next door. There seems to be very little regard for the fact that this is our home where we live, and are trying to sleep, live and wash undisturbed.

I do not want a huge expanded gym which is too close to residential houses and opens from dawn to late night, with all the subsequent noise, music, fans and people.

I also question the opening hours that they operate at the moment which is from very early in the morning till late night?

As I write this now I see that they have their back door open and we can hear all the gym users in our rooms at the back.

Yours sincerely Bernadette Kennedy

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