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Re: Application 2021/2320/P (15-17 South End Road, London NW3 2PT)

OBJECTION

I strongly object to the proposed installation of two external air conditioning units in Maryon Mews (rear of 15 South End Road), which would create intrusive noise at my house, 1A Maryon Mews. The bedroom window of my house is 8 metres away from the proposed plant.

I believe that the noise of the proposed plant would also badly affect other nearby residents. The bedroom window of 1 Maryon Mews is 10 metres away from the proposed plant. The bedroom window of 2 Maryon Mews is 12 metres away. The flat above 15 South End Road is 5 metres away and the flat above 17 South End Road is 6 metres away. The applicant owns both those flats, so is unlikely to object to his own application, but future occupants of those flats would have to live with the air conditioning units right outside their windows.

The applicant's Design and Access Statement states that the "chimney stack at the end of the flat roof will screen the units which will be placed behind it". This statement is incorrect if it is meant to imply that the chimney stack would screen the noise generated by the plant. There is no acoustic study that proves significant noise reduction by situating plant behind such a narrow structure, if the plant itself remains unscreened on three other sides and above.

The applicant's Design and Access Statement asserts that "a number of neighbouring properties do, in any case, already have various plant on their roofs". I strongly object to this assertion being used as a justification for installing further outdoor plant in the neighbourhood. There is already too much outdoor plant on nearby commercial properties; it has been steadily proliferating in recent years; and it has in turn increased the level of ambient noise 24 hours per day.

When considering this application, it would not be fair on residents to rely on the noise specification in the brochure for the proposed plant, taken in isolation and without regard to its cumulative effect alongside other nearby plant. It would be appreciated if the local authority could take into account the total number of commercial plant installations in this densely populated neighbourhood, and limit them.

Noise pollution causes health problems, especially when noise affects bedrooms where people sleep.

The World Health Organisation says, "Noise pollution in our towns and cities is increasing, blighting the lives of many European citizens. More than a nuisance, excessive noise is a health risk" and "excessive noise seriously harms human health and interferes with people's daily activities at school, at work, at home and during leisure time. It can disturb sleep, cause cardiovascular and psychophysiological effects, reduce performance and provoke annoyance responses and changes in social behaviour."

In summary, installing this plant would be injurious to occupants of multiple nearby flats and houses, including mine. For that reason, I ask that this application be refused.

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