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To Nathaniel Young, Camden Planning:

I am writing regarding the planning application at 106 King Henry's Road - 2021/3370/P. I live across the street in 123 King Henry's Road.

I just saw the planning notice over the weekend; it was lying on the street and I caught it only by chance.

The period for commenting on this was only available for a couple of weeks in August. Several of us in the area were away during the period. In addition, pedestrian transit in King Henry's Road is significantly lower due to the many road works we have had since the beginning of the summer.

I strongly believe the council should have done a better job of informing us in the neighbourhood about this planning application, particularly as we have been heavily impacted by the noise and construction activity since the works initially began.

Since seeing the notice, I have spoken to several of my neighbors and no one had seen the planning application.

I am against the planning application for the following reasons:

- the original plan consisted of completely tearing down the original house, building a basement, and then reconstructing the house following the original design. I did not object to the proposal, despite the significant noise and disturbance on our street from the work, given that it respected the structure of the building and the entire Chalcots Park Estate development.
- the new proposed development completely interrupts the uniformity of the Chalcots Park Estate by having one individual house rise way above all of the neighbouring houses which were part of a harmonious design where there was a respected height.
- the Chalcots Park Estate is a beautiful development dating from several decades back which, in my view, gives this area a very unique feeling within the city and reflective of the urban planning at the time. I believe that severely disrupting the aesthetics of it would be a loss, not just for us as neighbours but for the wider area as a whole.
- there is a continuing disruption to the neighbourhood in terms of noise, traffic and pollution; the additional space does add anything tangible in terms of the current housing stock.
- the fact that the owners are changing their mind, and asking for a new, much larger project, while construction is going on seriously diminishes the integrity of the whole planning process. It raises the question of what is the point of commenting on a development if they are changing their mind while the development is going through.
- several of the lower level flats in the south side of the street would see a diminished light in the afternoon as a result of the extra floor.

I would appreciate if you could let me know regarding the timing of the approval process as I think many of us in the street would like to have a say.

Best,

Teo Lasarte