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Hello Matthew,

I would like to object to the planning application 178B Royal College st, on the following grounds:

1. Noise. Sitting in my kitchen writing this at 9.30pm, even with the back window closed I can still hear the extraction fan running. My front kitchen window when closed admits traffic noise from Camden Rd, but it's intermittent so comes and goes. The new Jacuna dark kitchen emits noise from 8am, past 11pm (over 15 hours every day, 7 days a week) which is constant and feels oppressive! It's the fact that it's an automatic motor which never changes it's pitch or frequency that is depressing. The noise coming from the joinery workshop next door to them or the trains passing overhead is often louder, but it's infrequent and passing so easy to get used to. The extractor fan from Jacuna is both loud and unceasing. We simply can't open our back windows anymore and it's driving us nuts!
2. Smell.
There is a curry shop on Camden rd that has been there more than the 14 years we've lived at this address, and which backs onto our house so is much closer than Jacuna, but they never make a noise, and their tandoor chimney vents higher than the rooftops so we never smell anything either. But since Jacuna arrived, as soon as we open our back windows, on ground, 1st or 2nd floor, the waft of their cooking oil comes in. Again, it starts at 8am and goes on past 11pm. It permeates our house, it's there when we're eating our food – it's quite simply like living next to a big factory where in the end becomes overwhelming! Not even the cheap nasty takeaways on Camden rd operate as long as this, and there are 4 within 40 metres of us!

I agree with the Camden Broadway Conservation Area Advisory Committee on their other points of objection regarding traffic and appearance, but it's points 1 & 2 above which particularly upset me as they directly negatively affect the quality of our lives within our own 4 walls.

I know Network rail sold all their arches to an investment company, who then doubled and tripled rents to existing tenants forcing many of them out. It depresses me to think that Jacuna are now the new type of tenant who can afford the rent, where impact on local people is completely ignored in the pursuit of profit!

Many thanks,

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