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| 2021/5512/P | Ros Franey | 07/01/2022 19:19:42 | OBJ | <p>This new extension to a pre-existing extension will stretch almost to my next-door neighbour's back garden wall and will have a real impact on our outlook, our light and our [REDACTED]. I'm particularly unhappy that it will have a flat-roof, which elsewhere in the vicinity has meant the springing-up of unplanned roof-terraces overlooking our gardens and destroying our peace late into the night. We already have to put up with one of these at 95 York Way on the second floor. Now there's apparently to be the potential for a second, larger and closer to our homes.</p> <p>The developer makes much of the fact that he's building over an unprepossessing back yard, so there is no destruction of 'green space' - a particularly disingenuous claim as there would be nothing to stop him improving his open space rather than destroying it altogether. It's ironic that the only green planting he can claim is my laurel tree, which conveniently overhangs one corner of his yard at the moment but, sadly, will not protect me from being overlooked by his extension.</p> <p>However, there are more serious problems with these overlong rear extensions in York Way, to which I've drawn attention in my separate letter to our ward councillor. Residents of Marquis Road have been desperately trying to hang on to the narrow stretch of green between our houses and those in York Way, vital to preserving a fragile few feet of tranquility, clean air and bird-life, and increasingly threatened by the steady destruction of the space between us. What will happen to air quality if this space disappears? What will happen to natural drainage, as climate-change increases flood-risk while gardens are concreted over? This application is just the latest in a long line - each developer claiming the precedent of the others. I'm concerned that the development at 95 York Way needs to be assessed in conjunction with all the other recent extensions-to-extensions in these gardens - one extension may not be a threat, but what is the cumulative damage?</p> <p>The Council argues the need for family housing, but developments like this are not designed for families. There are no children playing in what's left of the narrow corridors between the walls of the new buildings. Camden's own excellent recent developments illustrate how space for planting and children's play feature in public housing plans. Why should it be any different for the houses in York Way? Already, housing density will be increased across the road in Islington's York Way Estate, where 4 new blocks are to be built over present open land - something I welcome as genuine family housing.</p> <p>I understand the gardens in York Way are supposed to be part of the Camden Square conservation area: all the more reason, then, to conserve the thin green line between us.</p> |

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| 2021/5512/P | bernadette knox | 09/01/2022 16:16:21 | OBJ | <p>I would like to object to the proposed extension at no.95 York Way.</p> <p>I realise that there are already a lot of similar developments on other houses in York Way, but, quite honestly, when I look out of my window the view is so dispiriting. This is not because it is unattractive (though it is, which is a big shame for a conservation area), but more because it is dead. It is built up and sterile, with little breathing space and no signs of greenery on the York Way side at all (the laurel, which is frequently mentioned in the planning submission, actually belongs to my neighbour in Marquis Road).</p> <p>Obviously the view itself is less important than what it means for the lived environment. The lack of vegetation and space suggests a degradation in the quality of air (which I would have thought was particularly important for York Way), of drainage, of privacy, and of noise abatement. One more major extension continues this slide.</p> <p>I therefore object, and I have two questions:</p> <p>Could this extension have a smaller footprint?</p> <p>Is there a way that the planning committee can add a requirement for „greening“ into any extension proposals?</p> <p>I would also add that, since the Marquis Road gardens seem to be the lungs for both sets of houses, it becomes even more important to monitor very carefully any proposed extensions on the Marquis Road side.</p> |
