

Dear Adam Greenhalgh,

Objections to Planning Application Ref. 2022/2398/P. 12 Pilgrim's Lane. NW3 1SN

I am an 89 year old widow and live alone in the terrace house adjoining No.12 Pilgrim's Lane on the Hampstead Heath side. So deeply am I disturbed by the impact the proposed changes will have on my house, my life, and more importantly my [REDACTED] and security that I employed Keystone Law, who have submitted comments. For personal reasons I ask that the sentences underlined be redacted from public view.

1.When I bought my house and secluded garden, an important factor in my purchase was the security of living in a terrace house. If the common wall between No.12 and No.14 is reduced to a mere single story, my house becomes "end of terrace". My bedroom is at the back of the house with an attractive first floor terrace. The roof of the proposed single story garage will offer easy access to this terrace and so to my bedroom. This destroys my [REDACTED] and is a source of anxiety.

The owner of No.12 has offered to mitigate my concerns by physical deterrents, such as sharp spikes, but I remain very worried.

2.I am long retired and not as energetic as I used to be, and I spend a lot of time on my own at home, enjoying my peaceful house and garden . The buildings works will be a colossal disturbance, and over many months I will suffer dust and noise.

3.The overdevelopment of the No.12 site is detrimental to the character of Pilgrim's Lane, a quiet residential road lying within a Conservation Area. The proposed loss of garden diminishes natural habitat. I am no kill-joy but the grand terrace, proposed on the Southeast side of No.12, invites large social gatherings that are likely to result in noise audible to surrounding houses including mine.

4. Hampstead is hilly and has clay soil. I am concerned at the extension of the basement for a swimming pool. A neighbour has drawn my attention to the Site Investigation and Basement Impact Assessment, Page 10, Section 3.2 Land Stability . The answer given to Question 7 is :

The area is prone to these effects (seasonal shrink-swell subsidence) as a result of the presence of shrinkable London Clay.

This implies future disturbances to my property.

In summary the proposals are a constant worry to me.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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