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Objection re: 71b Flask Walk – Planning Application Number **2022/1289/P**

Dear Adam

This is a supplementary statement and should be read in conjunction with our letter of objection to the above application, dated 5th August 2022. We have read Martin Colloms' observations on the Acoustic Engineer's report, and we share his concerns. With reference to Martin's comments on 1.16, we face a significant risk that our quiet enjoyment of our home will be impaired by this machine humming away within an enclosed space which may amplify the sound. It is worse for me because I wear hearing aids which, themselves, amplify background noises. Surely, too, the Applicant's proposal not to run the unit in evening hours is recognition by the applicant that it will in fact be a nuisance to neighbours.

In 1.17 the Acoustic Engineer states that "The centre of these windows (at 73) is approximately 6m away from the proposed unit". This means that the proposed unit would be **4m** away from the boundary wall which, we would suggest, is a more accurate way of describing the distance. The same paragraph refers to the unit being partially screened by the boundary wall i.e. it will be visible.

Challenges for Camden

Following the recent heatwave, this topic looks like being a quickly-upcoming challenge for our Conservation Area. We see two issues:

- Air conditioning is not a green solution
- The sight and sound of these units is not conducive to a Conservation Area.

This is a new challenge and no doubt Camden may wish to develop a policy in consultation with stakeholders including Flask Walk Neighbourhood Association. This will take time. In the meantime, in anticipation of the consultation outcome, could it make sense to require such units to be located internally?

(We are aware of another neighbour who is intending to submit an application to install air conditioning though their plan, from the outset, is to install the condenser in their attic, with a vent through the roof. Their specific intention is to minimise disturbance to their Neighbours)

The adjacent contiguous property, 71 Flask Walk, is of identical construction to 71b and similarly faces south. Its occupant was able to maintain a cool and comfortable environment during the recent heatwave by use of ventilation and, additionally, by drawing curtains on the two hottest days (40c). These measures, and others such as secondary glazing, are alternatives that the applicant could reasonably follow.