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

Dear Adam

This is a supplementary statement from Simon and Anna Marshall (73 Flask Walk) and should be read in conjunction with our letter of objection to the above application. 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 (Anna and I) 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 that it will in fact be a nuisance to neighbours.

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 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)

We consider that our neighbour Mark Nevard's objection covers our concerns and sets out alternatives that the applicant could reasonably follow.

Yours sincerely

Simon and Anna Marshall