

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/5366/P	St. Marys With St. Georges German Lutheran Church	19/01/2023 20:54:37	OBJ	<p>We are writing to object to the planning application of a 'Outbuilding Summerhouse' at 75 Lawn Road London NW3 2XB.</p> <p>We own the building at 22 Downside Crescent London NW3 2AR that is occupied by our respective pastors. We have carefully studied the application drawings and the site.</p> <p>We find that the 'outbuilding Summerhouse' is unnecessarily large for the very small garden, and of excessive height, at 3.5 m, not including the ornamental lead ball above. It is also incredibly heavy. The 6 fully glazed doors and lead roof will be of considerable weight. This structure will be possibly over 400 kilos.</p> <p>We especially object to the volume and the height that the structure will impose on our building. The 'Outbuilding Summerhouse' will be very high above the fence, more than double the fence height. This would strongly violate the privacy of our residents and that of their neighbours. All neighbours have low discrete lightweight garden sheds. The garden fence is typically 1.8 m high and garden outbuilding should be less than 2 m, as customary in all the gardens in the street.</p> <p>the volume lets us fear subsidence that already is a known problem in the area. Furthermore, the all in all size of the planning brings up the topic of soil sealing. This already is and - with climate change - will be an even bigger problem for all cities. The garden in our property already regularly has problems with rainwater seepage, resulting in water staying on the lawn. The more you allow the anyway tiny gardens to be sealed the more there will be seepage problems, allegedly even resulting in flooding.</p> <p>In summary, the proposed outbuilding is totally out of character to the conservation area, too obtrusive and a threat to the nature around and in the Belsize Park Green Corridor. We fear a depreciation to our property and the planned building to be only a start for even more buildings in the other gardens. If you allow it there, there is no reason to deny it to anybody else.</p> <p>In conclusion we strongly object to this proposal.</p> <p>A smaller light-weight garden shed building is more appropriate for the size of the small garden, the location and the harmonious character of this conservation area.</p>