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From: Planning Support
Subject: FW: Comment Received from Public Access

Application Reference No. : HGY/2015/0837
Site Address: 140C Carlingford Road London N15 3EU
Comments by: Clare Hourihan
From:
142 B
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Submission: Objection
Comments: This application was turned down last year - I can't see that the plans have changed, why are you allowing these people to submit again and make local residents go through the process again? Very odd!!! I suppose we must expect this to be an annual event until we are worn down.
I REPEAT my objections from the last application:
I am the leaseholder of the 1st floor flat in the property adjoining 140 Carlingford Rd and have owned it for nearly 27 years. I have two major objections to the proposed works at 140 C Carlingford Rd.
(1) During this time there has been a considerable amount of issues with subsidence on the street including no 140. During the late 1980s/early 1990s, no 140 subsided causing the party wall between it and no 142 to crack (the cracks are still visible on the 1st floor landing and in the roof space above the 2-storey back extension and may also be visible in other parts of the property). The front bay of 140 was demolished and rebuilt and the property was underpinned which seemed to stop further damage to 142. There were also structural issues with no 144 during the mid-1990s. In early 2014, no 142 had major subsidence building works to rectify damage and cracking to the front bay of the property. No 140, similarly to most of the properties this end of Carlingford Rd, has had conversion works after works after works and it¿s time to call these to a halt. These buildings are over 100 years old and cannot sustain this amount of interference to their infrastructure. I object to any further structural alterations made to this property as I believe it will cause further damage to my own property and those of my neighbours.
(2) I also object to the proposed works as I do not think they are in the best interests of the leaseholders of Flats A and B, 140 Carlingford Rd, and I believe that the freeholders have not given their permission for the works to go ahead. It is my understanding that the roof space of these converted properties, where all the flats have responsibility for the maintenance of the roof, does not belong legally to any one flat ¿ this is certainly the case with 142 Carlingford Rd. I have suffered greatly from the consequences of an illegal loft conversion to 142 C Carlingford Rd which was NOT authorised by the Council¿s Building Control unit but neither was it challenged when attention was drawn to it. The planning process would have highlighted that the roof belonged to all 3 flats in 142 Carlingford Road so the Council are in fact ignoring criminal damage to our roof. This illegal loft conversion has increased the capacity of the property so much that instead of the 1-2 people who used to inhabit Flat C, there have been up to 7 people living there. The increase in noise and nuisance caused by these additional people living in an old and poorly sound-proofed late Victorian building cannot be emphasised and caused me considerable distress and stress until I was forced to move out ¿ the Council¿s Noise unit is ill-equipped to deal with this kind of noise. I would NOT wish this amount of stress and nuisance on my neighbours. If the owners of 140C Carlingford Road want a bigger flat, why don¿t they just go and buy one?