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Site Address: Ramsey Court Park Road London N8 8JU
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing to express my objection to the proposal to build on the communal outside areas of the Ramsay Court flats. I live in Ramsey court and use this space with my three year old daughter, we use the space to picnic, exercise and play.

Whilst I support the building of new council homes, I don't think this should be at the expense of existing residents who live in small flats without gardens. It is not a progressive policy to reduce valued recreational amenity for families that live in built up areas. Also, the green areas with mature trees are much appreciated by residents and other local people on environmental and air quality grounds. Much of the communal space at the front is set back from the road and boundaried by hedging, making it a place of respite from the traffic and pollution of Park Road. Losing the benefits of this shared area in order to build such a small number of council homes on very a cramped site is short sighted and irreversible.

What's more is the construction of these properties will cause immense noise, dust and disruption at a time when many of us are likely to be still working from home. Having one construction site would be bad but to have two, one either side of the building simultaneously, would be unbearable and cause significant damage to the mental health and well being of my family and the other residents.

Ramsey Court needs repair and maintenance. The doors, steps and ramps are in poor condition. The concrete around the interior stairwell windows is badly cracked as is the exterior concrete above the main front doors. The grounds could be enhanced by planting for biodiversity. Surely the council should be serving the current residents of Ramsey Court properly rather than depriving us of an existing amenity. The loss of this and the construction misery will severely degrade our quality of life.

The gain to pain ratio of the proposed development is such that Haringey should think again and find suitable brownfield sites to build on rather than pursue this misguided plan.

To summarise my objections:

- removal of safe green space that I use with my family from the side of the building that gets adequate sunlight

- destruction of mature trees
- excess noise and disruption to my living and working space which will likely result in an inability to do my job from home
- many new residents on a plot leaving little usable green space and many more people that will need to use it
- the state of disrepair that Haringey council has allowed the communal areas of Ramsey court fall into shows their reluctance and inability to manage the estate to a good standard, adding more properties will amplify this problem and likely result in ongoing issues for both Ramsey court and new residents alike

Please take these objections seriously, this project will negatively affect many people.

We appreciate the need for housing but there are are plenty of brownfield sites that could be used without destroying green spaces and the quality of life of those that live here.

Sincerely,

Luke Townsend & family

Flat 13 Ramsey Court