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

Application Reference No. : HGY/2020/2762
Site Address: Land to rear of 10-12 Bidwell Gardens London N11 2AX
Comments by: Ian Brimble and Thelma Winyard
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Bidwell Gardens

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Submission: Objection

Comments: We have been made aware of some small revisions that the applicants, Ms Christos and Mrs Christou, have made to proposed above Planning Application. You already have our objection dated 11 November 2020. All our concerns still hold and we would like to be assured that you will take them into consideration when you look at the applicants' amendments.

To prevent confusion, our earlier objections of 11 November 2020 can be summarised as follows:

That the application is against the spirit of The Mayor's London Environment Strategy of 2018

That the maintenance of a green environment is vital for London

That the proposed development will spoil the unity of our houses and will be highly visible to neighbours

That any such development could set a precedent which would be seriously detrimental to the area.

Looking at the latest plans, there seem to be few changes other than the introduction of a bit more landscaping in the form of immature tree screening and what looks like a further extension to the sunken garden, which brings hard landscaping closer to adjacent neighbours' boundaries and will therefore adversely affect the immediate neighbours even more than the earlier plan.

To all the above, we would add the following:

Planning's obvious disregard for our previous, very valid, objections to this build

Concern about deep excavation of our clay soil to make way for this bunker building

Worry that, if this build goes ahead, neighbours will be subjected to an ugly and intrusive view from their properties

In discussion neighbours it came to light that the foundations of two garages on this stretch of Bidwell (one of which is our own), have developed deep cracks. Surely it demonstrates how unsuitable the land is for excavation and development.

We find it hard to credit that the applicants keep pegging away at their desired development and, indeed, that the Council keeps on giving it consideration. This proposed build entirely disregards the garden, wildlife and arboricultural environment that we try to foster here and the green infrastructure that is becoming more and more vital in the steady march of climate change. The building itself is also utterly unsympathetic in relation to its surrounding architecture.

As before, we are drawing this matter to the attention of Catherine West MP, Councillor Alessandra Rossetti and Mayor Khan.