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Sent: 18 June 2013 08:11
To: PI
Subject: Planning Comment for 130711

Comment for Planning Application 130711.

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Comment : I agree with the principle of the redevelopment of the shop unit in terms of the new shop frontage and the external works facing my garden forming part of the mutual boundary. However I have very deep concerns for the proposal to erect roof mounted refrigeration equipment for the following reasons:

1. Amenity - The amenity will be affected by looking out from the dormer bedroom which faces south. A bedroom window faces directly onto the roof where the refrigeration equipment is proposed to be located. The visual appearance and size of this industrial apparatus is not in keeping within a residential area. Also it is visually unattractive from the neighbouring streets.

2.Noise - There are no details given within the application relating to the noise levels which will be generated from the refrigeration equipment. My research indicates that the noise level could be between 70 - 75 dBA which is greater than the noise of a vacuum cleaner. The proposed refrigeration equipment unit is very close to my son's bedroom (about 30feet) and this noise level will be unacceptable. I am very concerned my son will not be able to sleep or study properly in his bedroom which could lead to stress. It is my understanding that the noise would be permanent i.e. noise would be heard all the time - 24 hours a day.

3.Mounted Refrigeration Equipment - The applicant's drawing states a 'like for like' replacement. However the existing condenser units are smaller than the proposed equipment and are fitted on the back wall of the shop. The larger proposed refrigeration unit will create much more noise than the existing units because of its size and proposed location on the roof. Also the proposed mounted refrigeration equipment could have an adverse effect on the air quality in the immediate vicinity if not properly maintained.

Taking note of the above points I would ask that consideration be given to mitigation against the visual impact of the mounted refrigeration equipment and in particular, the high noise levels this would generate.

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Comment : I have no objections in the main to the proposals forming the application, including the conversion of the shop and the new frontage; but that I have major concerns to, in part; the detail of the proposals of the new refrigeration units to be located on the roof. My objections to the above are:

1. The Amenity

The location of the roof mounted condensers will have a detrimental affect on the immediate amenity of my house, and specifically as viewed from the Bedroom dormer window, which overlooks the existing shop unit. The appearance from the Bedroom will be direct onto the condenser unit located app 30ft from same and that they will be of an industrial appearance in what is a residential area. In protruding from the existing roof line they will also be visible from the adjacent streets especially as you drive up Seafield Road and be obtrusive on the skyline.

2. Noise Levels

No details are noted on the drawings pertinent to the noise levels of the refrigeration units, which, as I understand can emit high levels of continuous sound of app 75dBA, and this is even higher than that emitted from a vacuum cleaner and continuous traffic noise, levels much higher than is acceptable adjacent to houses. Because of the proximity to the house and in particular my sons Bedroom this noise will cause disturbance that will possible affect his sleep, studying and could result in anxiety. The noise level, because of how close the units will be; will not be diminished in any way by distance.

3. Refrigeration Unit Type

The units proposed are not as stated in the application which notes 'like for like' but that the proposal is for a single larger unit of 3T whereas the existing units are three separate wall mounted units to the rear of the shop unit and are shielded by the mutual boundary block wall. A single unit will ultimately have a higher level of sound output than the smaller units combined. Further, if there were to be issues of maintenance this could result in an affect on air quality with it being dispersed more easily from the roof. The worst scenario being Legionaires Disease.

I would hope that my concerns, which are related only to the refrigeration units; can be answered and that due consideration be given to the above objection on the grounds of noise and amenity and I would ask that consideration be given to mitigation of the detrimental affects that the proposal will have.

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Comment : With reference to planning application 130711. I would like to comment on its impact on access, parking and road safety.

There is an existing lack of parking in the current the shopping area round Counteswells for customers and for deliveries.

The shopping area and surrounding streets can already become very congested at certain times of day and week resulting in illegal parking.

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Comment : I am in agreement with the shop redevelopment application in principle but I am very concerned about the noise that will be generated by the proposed mounted refrigeration equipment.

I am a student about to start my final year and I want to study at home in peace and I do not want to hear the constant noise generated by this proposed equipment.

I want to be able to sleep well and not have the threat of noise generated by the proposed equipment disrupting my sleep or anyone else in the house.

I am very concerned for my family about the noise factor involved here and do not want to see them stressed as a result.

The noise level will be constant and not acceptable to us or our neighbours. The noise will be heard in the garden at all times which is not acceptable.

I agree that a shop unit is better occupied than vacant but please give consideration to my concerns listed above when considering the application.

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Comment : I am in general agreement in principle with the proposed application. However I have very great concerns listed below about the proposed mounted refrigeration equipment:

1. The location of the equipment will be in very close proximity to my bedroom which I estimate to be about 30 feet away from the window. This industrial apparatus will have an unattractive appearance within a residential area.
2. The noise level which I estimate to be the noise of a vacuum cleaner or a lawnmower will be switched on all the time. I am very concerned about my sleep being disturbed, my concentration broken when studying and possible stress problems as a result of the noise generated by the proposed mounted refrigeration equipment.
3. The noise will be heard in the garden and it will not be pleasant hearing this constant humming noise.
4. The existing roof will not be altered to obscure my bedroom view and cause a shadow.

Therefore I would ask that the proposed equipment is relocated or a solution found to greatly lower the potential noise that will be generated.

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Comment : In principle we support the application in principal.

However we feel that we will be directly affected by the condenser units. There are no specific details within the application indicating the noise levels of the proposed condensers. Without these details, it is difficult to quantify the effect. We believe that general condenser information indicates at source noise levels in the range of 63 to 75 dBA. Although these levels will reduce the further away from the source there is no guarantee that they will be within an acceptable range at neighbouring properties. For this reason, can a noise assesment be made from a competent consultant.

Visually, the condenser units are both new and particularly unattractive sitting 1.35 metres above what is a single storey flat roof. They are visible from 2 street aspects and the residential gardens.

We would like you to take into account the above comments and consider whether mitigation against the noise and visual aspects is possible. For example, either re-siting to a more appropriate area or some method of screening which will improve the aesthetics and reduce noise levels.