

## **PLANNING APPLICATION PUBLIC COMMENT**

Application number: PP/17/07888  
Site Address: 132B Fulham Road, LONDON, SW3 6HX  
Proposal: Demolition of dwelling house and erection of a two storey 2-bedroom detached house with subterranean development

**Comment received:** RBKC Planning

This is a most unwelcome proposal:

1) The basement excavation almost touches the foundations of the two neighbouring buildings, both very old structures from 19th Century. There have been several buildings collapse in London (and doubtless many more suffering foundation disturbance) because of similar excavations which rely on good workmanship to be safe (which cannot always be monitored) and construction methods which are supposed to add stability and ensure longevity, not challenge or reduce it. By now it should be obvious that the industry needs to advance technologically before any further gambles are taken by RBKC with agreeing privately coordinated, massive excavations close to (or in this case tunnelling below) curtilages of such old buildings.

2) This proposed boxy design (seen to full height) with tasteless skylights and plain intrusive windows is ill-placed within a 19th Century conservation area, though the existing building blends inoffensively to Fulham Road and where it can be seen from numerous listed buildings in Elm Place and many apartments in Cranley Gardens. It should be the few brutalist structures that were regrettably built in the Wellcome Trust Estate before conservation in the 1960's which should now be torn down for replacements in period style, not the reverse.

3) The Fulham Road yellow line is there because the presence of a parked vehicle either creates traffic, represents a hazard or both. The needs to be quite some justification for long, wide and high sided cement mixers, lorries etc to be permitted to park directly opposite a bus stop serving four routes, which over almost two years building schedule will amount to countless hours of congestion during peak traffic including delays to the many ambulances which serve three hospitals within half a mile.

4) Conveying a huge quantity of earth, stockpiles and materials by conveyor across the pavement because the site has inadequate access presents unnecessary and unacceptable risks.

5) We have moved on three years since a view was first taken over the appropriateness of this development from a risk to health and

safety versus local and community contribution and benefit. If this does not represent RBKC's current thinking, then this application should fail without invitation to re-apply.

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