

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: Dear Sirs,

Re planning application: 132b Fulham Road

I have just heard about the planned knock-down of the charming cottage which sits at the rear, left side to my property and fronts on Fulham Road.

Firstly, as a neighbour affected by this, I am aghast at the apparent secrecy surrounding this project. It was only by chance that I heard about it.

Having viewed on line with horror at the suggested replacement building, it is literally beyond belief. The plain, functional lines, invasive large windows, choice of materials and eye level flat roof look dreadful alongside our period property.

Whoever drafted the 'Heritage Report' suggesting it preserves, even enhances the area is either not serious or totally lacking any comprehension of what maybe appropriate. Suggesting that by matching the colour of gracefully weathered bricks of conserved and listed 19th Century buildings to 'good quality' concrete slabs will provide the qualifications for this building's inclusion within a historically important, conserved environment is farcical. The building may look fine in a contemporary development, but neighbouring historic buildings it looks foreign.

This is a conservation area, in fact the first within RBKC - it is incredible that this apparently counted for so little by whoever chose not to dismiss the application at the first opportunity.

My neighbour informs me the project is scheduled for twenty months, assuming construction procedures go to plan. By digging around 12 feet below ground directly next to the foundations of an Edwardian era mansion block (Cranley Gardens) it will less than straightforward. The noise will be unbearable.

How can serious disruption of traffic for nearly two years be tolerated in the name of one self-serving basement excavation? With a fire station and three major hospitals close by - two facilities on Fulham Road itself, does RBKC not consider its duty of care in the event of a terrorist atrocity or serious accident emergency? How

many hours of business will be forsaken in traffic in these challenging economic times when London needs, more than ever to prove it is open for business.

I note the applicants have received pre-planning approval, but it is a shame for them that they did not extend the customary recommendation and courtesy to consult with neighbours.

We have preserved, often at great expense our very special corner of London which provides a pleasurable asset not only to us, but to those who visit and admire the immaculately preserved, historic surroundings. If rejection of this application is not forthcoming at the next hurdle, it will be ferociously challenged, with a fighting fund if necessary. Not in many years has such unwarranted interference with our community stoked such anger.

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