

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/4979/P	Susanne Lawrence	15/04/2023 15:23:58	OBJ	<p>My house is attached to the site of this application. The proposed extension will be right up against my living room window and completely block out my light. It is the only source of light on that side of my house. Who wants to look out on a brick wall instead of daylight, sky, sun, trees and flowers? It's bad enough previous residents put a boiler there without planning permission, which belches out smoke and probably breaches building regulations, but at least I can see the sky above it. The rear of my house is north-facing so I am totally dependent on this window for light. Indeed, that window, which is west-facing, was one of the main attractions of this house when I bought it in 1998, because of the wonderful light and sunsets through it. Having a brick wall there would be like being in prison.</p> <p>If next door needs an extension, surely it should be on the other side of the flat where it will not obstruct anyone's views/be in anyone's way.</p> <p>As to the roof terrace, this will abut my own roof terrace and, notwithstanding the proposed glass screen, anyone standing on it will be able to [REDACTED] and the guest bedroom-cum-study. The architect's drawings omit to show my guest bedroom/study on the east side of my roof terrace directly facing this proposed new roof terrace. Both bedrooms have French windows out to the terrace so there would be no privacy. Currently the same does not apply in reverse as Flat 1's bedroom window is high up and cannot be seen into from my roof terrace.</p> <p>Last but not least, the applicants have now moved out of Flat 1 and are trying to sell it. They only put in the application in order to hope to get a better price for the property. They do not propose to build the extension before selling. So, it is not as if the extension is needed to accommodate more people - all it would do is to make a bigger kitchen and provide a roof terrace. The property already has a decent sized back garden. Also, I note the application says the estimated cost of the works is up to £2 million. Since the property is only on the market for £1.3 million, I cannot imagine anyone buying it and then spending another £2 million on extending the kitchen. If they had £3+ million to spend, they'd buy a bigger property. If one thought £2 million was being spent on the extension, at least, one assumes, it would be of a good quality. However, once planning permission is given, presumably you have no say in how much is spent and on the quality of the job.</p> <p>Given the owners have moved out and are trying to sell the property, and have no intention of doing the work, surely there is no justification for granting permission to do something that will ruin my life and over the quality and style of which you will have no control. I sincerely hope you will reject this application.</p>
