**Planning Application 2023/2804/P at 12 Chalcot Crescent**

We would like to lodge an objection to the proposed treatment of the existing roof extension at 12 Chalcot Crescent, as we live virtually opposite at number 7.

Clearly the existing roof extension should never have been allowed and is a huge blot on this amazingly beautiful street, with its porticos and consistent architectural style. However the proposed treatment makes matters worse for us in two ways.

Firstly, regarding privacy: Chalcot Crescent is incredibly narrow (single lane traffic) and the houses are therefore extremely close to each other. We are already overlooked by the houses on the opposite side and, by allowing an additional window and glazed door at high level, the situation will be made worse. It is no surprise that planning permission for this has been refused before.

In addition, the proposed internal layout and new glazed door will encourage use of the front balcony as a sitting out area, particularly as it catches the late afternoon and evening summer sun. Our bedrooms and other living space will therefore be further overlooked and we may well have to put up with late night parties and music, particularly in the summer when we will want to have our windows open. This used to be a problem with a house in Rothwell Street that backs onto us and we do not want it to happen again.

Our second reason to oppose the application is to do with appearance. One might say that it would be hard to make things worse, but the addition of a black wrought iron balustrade along the front parapet will create a visual focal point and draw attention to the roof extension from street level. At the moment, the front parapet provides a uniform line along the street, creating a sense of unity and harmony between the houses and the balustrade will spoil this. The other point is that the designers might have considered creating a slate covered, sloping mansard roof, which would have been more in keeping with traditional roof extensions in the area.

So we object to the addition of the window, the glazed door and the wrought iron balustrade. Replacing the timber cladding with stucco, with no window and no glazed door, would be a minor improvement.

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