

I am writing on behalf of Bloomsbury CAAC (please ignore previous no comment from fellow committee member Christiane Ten Hoopen sent by mistake, in fact we had decided at committee to object to this application).

We ask that this application is refused. The exteriors facing the two streets - Guildford and Doughty - are to be little changed, beyond the addition of a front door to the Doughty Street extension. However there are major changes proposed to the rear elevation of the Doughty Street extension and these in our view represent overdevelopment: the objectionable changes follow the proposed division of the property into two - the larger corner building and the narrower Guildford Street extension.

The covering over of the rear courtyard, currently ad hoc, should not be made more permanent. More importantly, the building should not be extended at first floor level or a balcony constructed at second floor. The proposed first floor extension fundamentally alters the original fabric. The extension at 1<sup>st</sup> floor and the balcony at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor both reduce the exterior space and they and the terrace at 1<sup>st</sup> floor level create fundamental overlooking problems in regard to the rear of 19 Doughty Street.

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