

Dear Camden Planning

Our neighbour at 4b Parkhill Road was granted planning permission last year to rebuild his house and erect a roof extension a further floor up. When we engaged party wall surveyors we found that his plans and design were invalid as the side of our house adjoining his property is not a party wall. While he is able to build to the existing height, where the wall qualifies as a 'type B' party wall, he cannot build higher without our permission which he has not sought.

Our surveyor has explained that if our neighbour still wants to build the top floor he will need to completely change his design to incorporate his own wall from the ground up. No construction has yet started. Please can you let me know if he will need to submit new plans for approval or whether he can proceed with the current approval although the plans will need to be redrawn?

Additionally when we originally challenged his plans we pointed out that the plans at upper ground floor level extended about a metre beyond the back of all the other properties in the street. We were surprised that this was acceptable as it breaks the symmetry of all the other buildings. The planning officer's response to this was that "it did not protrude beyond neighbouring property by 2m". I don't know where the 2m comes from and wonder whether the original objection was misread.

With thanks

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