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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly oppose the roof extension proposal for the apartment building listed as 170 Highgate Road-- though the building is actually located on Croftdown Road. I see no value to the local community in this extension-- and many negatives for people living in the area. The houses on Woodsome Road that back onto the apartment building will suffer a significant loss of light in an area that is already starved for light. There will also be a significant loss of privacy due to the back-facing windows that are planned for this extension. No less importantly, the developer has proposed a multiyear construction process based on staggering start-times for different individual extension units in a manner that would surely plague the many local residents who work from home or who are largely confined to their homes by age or illness with terrible din, dust, etc. for an essentially unlimited period of time. Construction will also severely impact students at the school across the street from the building, both in terms of noise and general disruption and with respect to adding to the congestion on a street that is already very busy with through traffic and school drop offs. One of the great assets of the Dartmouth Park area is its relative quiet (excepting traffic noise) and this sort of project--the overriding purpose of which is plainly just to increase the real estate value of existing units that are already extremely expensive for wealthy clients and the developers who make their fortunes catering to them--is precisely the sort of project that the Camden planning commission should firmly reject. The neighborhood as a whole stands to lose too much.

Thank you very much for considering these objections.

Sincerely,
George Prochnik