

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2024/1039/P	Michael Arditti	23/03/2024 16:27:17	OBJNOT	<p>I am a resident of Darwin Court and object very strongly to this application. The proposed penthouses are, in themselves, ugly and totally out of keeping with the clean lines of the existing building. Although most of the neighbouring buildings are Victorian, the current building matches the red brick 41 Gloucester Avenue, opposite Block B. No other building in the vicinity has an accretion on its roof and the proposed penthouses would destroy the current architectural integrity. Although the developers make much of the fact that the penthouses will be set back from the roofs, they will be a hugely visible eyesore when approaching the blocks from either end. They are out-of-scale and out-of-character and will detract from the much loved Cecil Sharp house opposite, a Grade 2 listed building. I am worried too about the damage to the trees in front of Blocks A and B. The developer originally stated that they would have to be pollarded and now says that they will need to be 'thinned by 15%' to allow access for the cranes. Who is to oversee this? Given that the landscape gardener, employed by the company, gave his thoughts on developing the waste ground behind the buildings, which he admitted he had yet to visit, it inspires little confidence. Proposals to develop the roofs of Darwin Court have been rightly turned down by the Council in the past. This is just a rehashed version of the previous plans. I trust that the Council will see fit to deny the application.</p>
