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## Planning Application No: 2024/0439/NEW

I am writing to oppose the application to build a 3m high and 3m long rear extension in the rear garden of No 19 Steele's Road on the grounds that it will cause considerable *loss to my light and to my outlook* and will result in *a further loss of green space in a conservation area*.

My principal bedroom is at garden level and is lit by some French windows. To my right side there is a long standing extension at No 17 that reaches to the second floor of the building. This extension lies a couple of metres from my garden wall.

On the left of this is my bathroom where the window would now be hemmed in by the suggested new building and block the light and also be quite claustrophobic.

If the proposed extension at No 19 along the length of my garden party wall is built it will not only result in blocking the light coming from my left but will cause me to feel hemmed in on both sides with my only aspect being the bottom of my garden so both my light and my outlook will be compromised by the proposed extension.



See picture below.  
*Extension at No 17*



*Present outlook which will be blocked by proposed extension*



I am also deeply concerned that the building of such a large extension in a conservation area (which is home to a variety of wildlife and birds) will further deplete the already small open spaces that residents in all the flats overlooking the gardens have enjoyed for years and years. It is my understanding that Camden has a duty of care to protect access to nature and green spaces and that overbuilding in a conservation area should be minimized if not banned completely.

I would also like to add that my application to build an extension myself in (around) 2000, was blocked by the then owner of No 19 Steeles's Road, Mr Michael Spiro, on the grounds of light blocking and lack of privacy, and I am wondering if those criteria that were then considered important to the planning department of Camden Council still exist or have since that time changed. And if so, why?

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