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Dear Sir or Madam,

Recently I have had an invitation from Charlie Green to support his application for the restoration and improvement of his recent acquisition of 34 Belsize Lane, NW3.

The house was designed by the architect Georgie Wolton in the 60s. She lived there continuously from then until she died.

I was working as an architect in the studio designed by Georgie Wolton when she was working on the design of a two storey house on the site of 34, Belsize Lane. I made some minor design contributions echoing the principles of the steel and glass house previously designed by GW but assembled on another site.

Sometime later I was surprised to learn that the house had lost its first floor due to GW's increasing interest in the potential of the garden at the site. Over the years this had led to three single courtyard gardens each having a different relationship with space inside the house. They were constructed episodically over time responding to GW's growing wishes and needs.

Charlie Green is committed to the future of the house. He has talked to many people who knew the house well during the time GW lived there. He has sought from them the essence of GW's beliefs when designing and later maintaining the house. He is determined to maintain GW's intentions when enlarging the house to the requirements of his family.

It became clear early on in Charlie Green's research that another bedroom needed to be incorporated into whatever new formation was possible. The garden courtyards presented an impossibility of plugging in a bedroom and bathroom at ground level without destroying one of the courtyards.

The remote first floor/roof was and is offering a natural disposition and as the plans show an ingenious lightweight, wooden structure enclosing a generous bedroom with a modest bathroom alongside, the whole anchored

to the ground floor with a timber stair enveloped by brickwork extended from the existing north wall.

This addition would be consistent with the earlier episodic extensions to the house made by Georgie Wolton herself.

For the reasons set out above I trust that the Council will approve the thoughtful and respectful applications made by Charlie Green for planning permission.

Yours truly,

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