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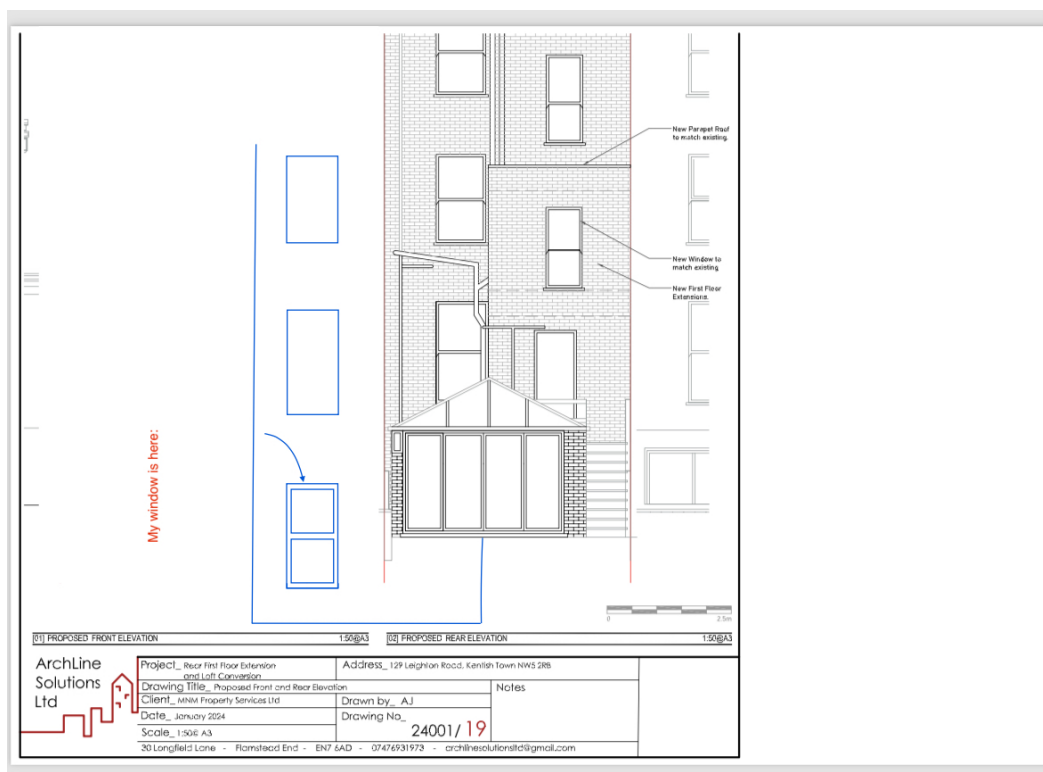
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Dear Matthew,
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RE: Planning application at 129 Leighton Road -2024/1517/P

I have also put in for an extension to the side return at basement level of one storey to gain a better layout and family space and bring light into our already dark basement. We use lights on that level all day long and want to improve our living conditions and enjoy the garden space more. My application is 2024/0803/P.

I am most concerned that the garden side, which is dank and dark already, will become even more so, and that the kitchen and bedroom will feel hemmed in and the tunnel vision view deeply oppressive. Please see attached photos and elevation of 129. is on the left (blue windows).



The lower blue window is presently my daughter's bedroom and the one above is our kitchen. Above that the Flat above kitchen. We look straight onto next doors large conservatory and this blocks sunlight into the garden.

My architect Tom Kaneko has stated:-

My basement windows are not shown on any of the drawings, and the rear elevation does not give an indication of the actual ground levels around my immediate garden.

Therefore,

1. Note that no drawings have been provided indicating my windows at lower ground level and first floor level.
2. Note that effectively, the rear outrigger will effectively become 3 storeys from the existing two storeys, restricting what limited light exists.

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I am aware of the 45 degree right for light and it appears my flat would be affected by diminished light.

Present view from kitchen on left and proposed extension with 3rd storey indicated in brown on right.



The other extension on the application at 129 Leighton Road is to build a 5th level-this would be the first loft extension on our side of the road and row. This will also cause a longer shadow onto the garden, which only gets sun at the far end of it in summer months as it is. It is a North facing garden, so the sun comes from the front of the house mid day and in the afternoon from the 129 side, therefore, In the afternoon their conservatory projects shadow onto half of our garden. It would be most upsetting if we were to get no sun at all. I cannot be certain if this would be the case, but 5 storeys is very high. The question arises whether the foundations which I understand are shallow on these houses, are even deep enough for further height and weight. 133 have had to underpin and reinforce their foundations in order to replace a stairwell and remove walls. This would need to be investigated.

Yours faithfully

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