

Planning Department

Camden Council

Re: Objection to Planning Application for Second Storey Addition at 47 Ornan Road

Dear Gary Wong,

I am writing to strongly object to the planning application for the proposed addition of a second storey at 47 Ornan Road, which would significantly impact the quality of life in our home at 45A Belsize Avenue.

As residents of a basement flat, we already endure limited access to natural light in several rooms. Importantly, the bedrooms in our home fail to meet the benchmark for adequate natural light, as less than 0.2% of the sky is visible over half the room area at desk height. This places these rooms in a category where the existing light levels are considered below standard and, consequently, exceptionally precious.

In such cases, any additional obstruction to the limited sky view would exacerbate an already subpar condition, making a bad situation worse. The proposed second storey would further diminish the small amount of natural light currently reaching our home, resulting in a significant loss of amenity and creating an oppressive living environment.

Moreover, this reduction in sky view be completely obstructed and would severely and unreasonably impact our ability to enjoy our property. Camden Council's planning policies must ensure that developments do not adversely affect neighbouring properties, particularly in situations where light levels are already critically low.

The proposed second storey addition would block even more of the limited daylight we receive, further reducing the already compromised light levels in our bedrooms. This would result in an oppressive, gloomy environment and a significant loss of amenity in our home. Even the smallest reduction in sky visibility would have a disproportionate and harmful effect due to the already low levels of daylight in our property

We respectfully urge Camden Council to carefully consider the detrimental impact this proposed development would have on our property and to reject the application. Our home's already limited access to daylight and sky view must be protected to ensure our quality of life is not further diminished.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Owner of 45A Belsize Avenue