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2025/0154/P	The Belsize Society	28/01/2025 13:37:39	COMMNT	<p>The Belsize Society has two concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The design of the extension. The extension is too high and will create an overbearing height for the lower level garden of 34c (as well as creating a precedent). The design does not respect the proportions of the existing building and introduces asymmetry by extending too far across, beyond the bay so the folding doors should be centralised below the windows above to attempt to re-establish symmetry. The fenestration pattern of these doors should reflect the original design (probably the sash windows above as the original door pattern is lost). Wooden doors would be preferable to reflect the original materials.</li><li>2) The use of artificial plastic grass in the new design. Even though the existing garden is deficient in planting, gravel (and presumably earth below) does provide some habitat for invertebrates - one can see 'weeds' growing freely - whereas artificial plastic grass is a sterile environment. Artificial grass can also break down into potentially harmful micro-plastics. This unnecessary loss of natural habitat should be resisted and this aspect of the design should be revised.</li></ol>

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