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**From:** Harriet Gordon Getzels [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 February 2025 19:04  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Peter Getzels  
**Subject:** 93 Savernake Road App: 2025/0177/P - Response

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Dear Camden Council Planning Department,

Re. 93 Savernake Road, Residential Extension, Alterations

Peter Getzels and I live at 95 Savernake Road adjacent to the above property. On 28 January we filed comments on the proposed work to the building adjacent to us. Early in January 2025 the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias, came to see our flat and introduce themselves to us. We had completed an infill extension and substantial renovations in 2024.

Peter and I want to know what the next steps are and what to expect, with regard to how this process works. Will our comments be taken into consideration? When should we expect a response and from whom? What is the best way for us to communicate with Planning on this?

We need clarity on the process and timeline. Please get in touch.

With kind regards and many thanks,

Harriet Getzels, Peter Getzels  
95 Savernake Road, Ground Floor Flat  
NW32LG  
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Sent 28.01.25

We did an extension with infill on the adjacent ground floor flat, 95 Savernake Road, permission granted in August 2023. Our first comment is that with our architect we gave thorough consideration to the pros/cons of keeping the original Victorian bay window at the side. Keeping this light source would continue to allow a lot of light into what otherwise would be a dark space. With the interior size of our flat's open plan extension, blocking off that light source would have made the first third of our kitchen dark if not gloomy. Since the Victorians designed these terraces to capture that side light, we decided to keep to their wisdom and replace the bay window with a large window to bring light directly into our cooking area. To do this we created a small lightwell. A glass door to the lightwell brings additional brightness into the dining area. In short, rather than capturing a few square feet of interior space, we chose to ask permission to maintain the original feature of bringing light into that area, by replacing the bay window with a large window and a tall glass door. The applicants are proposing to add one meter of height to the lightwell wall we were permitted to build, to allow them to build out as far as possible. This wall was designed both for privacy, and for letting much needed light into both our cooking area and our dining area. We believe the additional height will defeat what we set out to achieve, greatly reducing the amount of light coming in to two much used areas. In short, we sustained an important light source that has been in that space since original construction. Obscuring that source of light by raising the height of that wall darkens our interior space in two critical places

and nullifies what we did.

Second, the infill and garden extension appears to be adjacent to the garden wall we rebuilt/constructed to accommodate our very similar extension. We would like to request more detail on that plan; specifically whether they plan to use our wall or leave a space and build their own wall. Our understanding is that a Party Wall Surveyor needs to be involved on this matter. We are asking for more information on that part of the plan. Thank you.

Comments made by Peter and Harriet Getzels of 95 Savernake Road, Ground Floor Flat, NW32LG  
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Comment Type is Interested Party

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