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Hi Anthony,  
 as promised here some letters from me to the council.

let me know your thoughts.

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To whom it may concern,  
 I bought the flat in 3c Albert Street in January 2011. This is the first property I have bought in the UK and hence my experience with all property relating issues is relatively minimal.

When moving into the property I decorated my flat new (wallpaper, painting, new kitchen etc.).

In January 2012 I started experiencing some leaks through my roof on my upper floor (in the meantime I know, my neighbor have similar issues now). They, leaks, started minor with some stains but got worse over a couple of days. It went as far as damaging my wooden floor and all the new and expensive wall paper (Photos can be provided if required). I went on to ask a colleague whether he would know someone able to fix such issues and got a polish company recommended. The company came out to quote for the repair works but made me aware that they would struggle to get their equipment onto the roof. They said without increasing the size of the existing hatch to allow some bulkier builders equipment, rather than smaller items like plant and shrub pots left from previous owners, they would require scaffolding and quite some increase in their estimated cost. I agreed to this and handed my keys to the builders to start the works short before going on a 2 week holiday. I informed my neighbor in 3b Albert Street (flat below me) before and asked him to contact me in case of any trouble. A recommended glass balustrade installation by the company, looked when checked on the internet, very interesting. When quoted for whilst still away I also went for this option.

In the meantime after some justified complaint (about the contractors noise) from my neighbor in 1 Albert Street (Ian) as well as talking to Mr. Shamsul Alam from the Council I was informed that I should have asked for planning permission for both the roof hatch size increase as well as the putting up the glass balustrade. I would like to point out that I have been in contact with all my immediate neighbors from both houses next to 3 Albert Street (No. 1 - Ian; No. 5 John). After I apologised for not keeping them in the loop with the initial works we discussed their concerns regarding the terrace. From the initially suggested planning application I agreed with John (No. 5) in order to overcome his overlooking concerns to move the balustrade further inside.

Ians (No. 1) main concern were coming from a potential noise point of view. I pointed out that I live alone in the flat. We also discussed existing noise from the Victoria pubs beer garden at the back of our houses as well as other potential garden parties noise in such urban area. I also offered some noise reducing mats. I have to point out that it is not my interest to create a "Party zone" or anything similar to that. I see this roof as a great opportunity to enrich the living in my flat. After taking a closer look in the local area it

became obvious that others had done similar works to their flat with even clear visibility from the street, which I hope to come some way in the interest of my neighbor as well as the council.

In the hope of a positive decision I remain hopeful.

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me. Best regards

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