

## **DESIGN STATEMENT:**

The 5 Strathray Gardens is part of a very attractive residential ensemble of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture and is located within the Belsize Park Conservation Area.

The idea of the design is to convert an unused pitched roof space to a new small bedroom. The new living volume will have to be opened in order to bring natural light. A largely recessed shed dormer will be built to the northern side of the pitched roof and face the existing upper terrace. Therefore, more headroom will be partially formed inside the room. The top of the dormer will be covered in flat ceramic tiles to match with the general roof material. On the southern side of the pitched of the roof, a simple roof window type velux will be installed in symmetry with shed dormer.

In our view, the alteration of the new bedroom roof will not be visible from the street level (see enclosed photos document NH/TA/04). Also we have the feeling that the discreet feature (shed dormer) will not damage the character of the architectural ensemble.