

Re: Application for railings / balcony for roof terrace
32 ST. Albans rd,
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Dear to whom it may concern,

I am applying for a balcony to be fitted onto the flat roof of my property, it is on the top floor of my house which is the converted loft space which was planned and permitted by your department in 1986. I was unsuccessful in my application then as I also had an application for a conservatory which was granted instead. My neighbours of our adjoining semi detached house No. 30 applied for a roof terrace, and they were permitted this in 1987. I have had an opening door onto the top floor roof space since 1986 which has never changed. This can clearly be seen on ~~photo~~ ^{photo} no. 3. During the hot summer months it is very hot as the loft space has a low ceiling and the door is left opened to create an airflow. Without a balustrade / balcony in place this is obviously not ideal. I know that health and safety does not come into planning, and I just bring it to your attention.

I would like to apply for a steel balcony with opaque toughened glass it would be of the same height as my neighbours and I have their permission to adjoin onto theirs, (welding over the area of the party wall. (~~photo~~ ^{photo} No 2))

As far as overlooking is concerned my neighbour

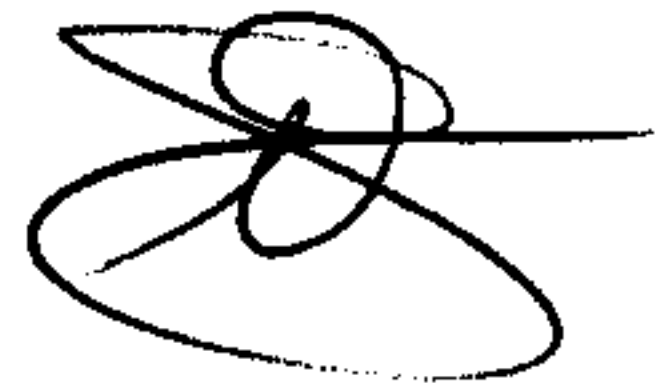
complaints over the last twenty years

and I cannot see any problems as the proposed balcony would be of the same height and proportions, with metal and glass, and of course we would comply fully with all planning and building regulations. As you can also see from diagram 1 the installation that is in fact mine would rapidly grow around the new balcony giving it extra height and total screening in a very short time.

Also I have two bedrooms (diag 1) already overlooking my immediate neighbours (as they also do) but I enjoy my privacy just as much as them, and I would like this terrace to be private aesthetically pleasing and I would benefit from the use of this space from my bedroom as well as making it safe.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,



Y. R. BANKS.