Dear Mr. Peres Da Costa,

I refer to the above planning application for a balcony at 53 Ornan Road. I briefly looked at the documents yesterday and noticed that the size of the balcony was larger than expected. The design is rectangular and quite protruding as opposed to our own balconies which are rounded off. The size of the proposed balcony invites to more entertaining on this level. A renewed attempt to inspect the drawings failed today due to some internal error at Canden planning.

I have no objections to a small personal balcony but find the closeness of the intended balcony quite worrying as it is rather near to our bedroom doors. I don't know whether the depth and shape of the balcony will actually allow looking into our bedroom which I should regard as an intrusion and object to. I should be glad if Planning could bear this in mind when deciding on the case.

We already had to accept the basement being built at 53 where the entertaining area in the garden was put right next to our fence which in the summer caused noise disturbance from late night parties. A roof garden has just been built at 47 Ornan Road, in a distance of only 15m, on the level of our bedroom with side windows from our property overlooking it where we expect noisy entertaining to take place in the years to come. Needless to say that our privacy into our bedroom and living room below has been totally disregarded.

Although I appreciate the desire of our new neighbour to have a small balcony in addition to her terrace on the ground level and the garden on the lower level I feel that our amenities should also be taken into consideration.

