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For the attention of Angela Ryan

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Dear Angela Ryan

Planning application ref 2013/5000/P 32 Leverton Street, London NW5 2PJ 13 08 2013 RECEIVED

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From the drawings submitted the window is apparently a sash window but described as sealed shut and with obscured glazing. We are concerned that this window will lead to a loss of our privacy. Even with obscured glass we will be aware of light and movement inside the house and at some future date the window could be adjusted to open.

Camden's Planning Guidance Amenity 7.4 states that to ensure privacy there should normally be a distance of 18m between habitable rooms of different units that directly face each other. The proposed new flank wall window would be 12.8m from our back wall and 9m from the glazing in our rear extension and the rear extension to No 18 Falkland Road.

From the drawings submitted with the application it would appear possible that a rooflight could be fitted above the upper part of the stair to bring light down into the centre of the house. This could also bring sunlight and would avoid any issues of privacy.

In the context of the Conservation Area above Leighton Road, where terrace runs stop and a another terrace runs at right-angles along the exposed flank wall there is no glazing in the exposed flank wall — see for example Nos 1,2, 29,34 Leverton Street, Nos 41 & 42 Falkiand Road, No 1 Falkland Place, Nos 18 & 2 Ascham Street etc. The proposed window would be out of character with this part of Conservation Area.

