

The Planning Officer
London Borough of Camden
London

29 July 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning application number: 2013/4002/P (the Application)

Property: 18 Daleham Mews, London NW3 5DB (the Applicant Property)

l am the holder of the freehold of 14 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5DA (the Affected Property).

The Affected Property's rear windows face, and its shared garden (the Garden) is overlooked by, the Applicant Property.

I refer to the Application and I write to register my objections to it for the following reasons.

Increase in window numbers and sizes

Currently, the Applicant Property's rear first floor has two small, opaque windows overlooking the Affected Property and Garden. Neither of these existing windows facilitates any casual or meaningful observation of the Affected Property or Garden.

The effect of the Application would be to allow six full height windows to overlook the Affected Property and Garden, subjecting to occupants and users thereof to constant and permanent observation. This would have the effect of subjecting the users of the Affected Property and the Garden to a gross invasion of privacy and would diminish their long established enjoyment of the Garden and the Affected Property.

Provision of outside terrace

Currently, the Applicant Property has a small and barely usable or used terrace. In particular, direct access to it is limited and a large sky light crodes a significant amount of its usable space.

The effect of the Application would to be provide an enhanced and expanded terrace that could be comfortably used on a regular basis by a significant number of people. Again, this would have the effect of subjecting the users of the Affected Property and the Garden to a gross invasion of privacy and would their long established enjoyment of the Garden and the Affected Property.

Other permitted developments have required extensive screening. An example is the recently completed 20 Daleham Mews. The Application indicates that clear glass will be used for railing at the terrace edge. In the unfortunate event that the Application is granted for the terrace or, even worse, the raised deck, then the height of screening should be above the raised deck. Further, the glass needs to be opaque to afford some privacy where it would otherwise be so grossly invaded.

Damage to existing historic wall

The implementation of the Application will result in the existing historic wall (already improperly lowered to accommodate the existing terrace), being permanently lowered. In fact, it should be restored to its original height and specification.

In anticipation of your kind consideration, thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Lynda Sevenoaks