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Dear Planning Officer RE Flat B 10 St. Albans Road NW5 1RD. Planning app 2014/4257/P

I worked for Camden Social Services for 25 years but am now in my early seventies. I have lived in my home for around 14 years, situated at the rear of number 12 on the ground floor right next to and below where the intended works will take place.

I would like to object to the terrace, the side and rear dormer extensions and the removal of the chimney stack.

The terrace and the side dormer in number 10 will block out much daylight and sunlight that I get in my home and patio. As my home is mostly north and west facing I rely on the sun from the west in the afternoon. My home is dark at the best of times, I constantly leave a small light on in my front room, I don't like to close my curtains and leave my front door open nearly all day. Not only to let the daylight through my home but also because I am claustrophobic, hence my housing trust fitting a security gate for me on the side on the entrance to the side passage way so I could continue to do so without feeling vulnerable. With the terrace I will lose even more light.

I take care of myself and prepare all my own meals. When I am doing the dishes or washing and preparing food in the kitchen I like to look out of my window and see the sky, the clouds and the trees. Now I will not only lose my view but may have someone looking down at me. If they store things or pile things up on the terrace then more light and view may be lost.

Below is a photograph of the current view to the terrace from my kitchen window.



The window below the terrace is frosted glass in a bathroom. It will become a bedroom, so will probably no longer be frosted glass and there will be more loss of privacy.

Below is the view from my kitchen window toward the side dormer between the 2 chimneys:



This shows how the little daylight and summer sunlight coming down between the buildings will be reduced by the side dormer between the two chimneys.

These problems will be even worse in the patio area where I sit as my family come and like to catch the sun in summer. This is because the terrace's view and light problems will be worse and the terrace and side dormer between the two chimneys will block the sun and daylight (as above).

The terrace will not only restrict my light and view but will also reduce my privacy. The balustrade will be less than 5 foot high so people having the use of a terrace will overlook my home, patio area and the kitchen. This will have a huge impact on my day to day life and well being. As I leave my front door open they will see straight into my home into my hallway that leads to all rooms in my home. I am virtually housebound and my home conditions are very important to me.

Below is a photo showing the view from the direction of the terrace over my patio and kitchen window.



As the council own all of number 10 except the first floor, last year the council spent a vast amount of money repairing the roof of number 10. During which they erected scaffolding in the side passage way leading to my home for many months. Whenever they put scaffolding there, it is tremendously hazardous for me. I am disabled (and so had to be moved into this ground floor flat). I have very poor eyesight, am registered blind and use a walking stick. I am less than 5 foot and of tiny build but with some scaffolding I have to stoop under it every time I use the passage way. It is very painful and stressful for me, having osteoporosis throughout my body. I have suffered sores and bruising due to this. I would not like this to happen again.

I have COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and was being treated for lung cancer when the dust and debris from the previous roof works made my breathing more difficult. I imagine the intended removal of a chimney and half the roof will be many times more messy and dusty.

I also feel that once more there will be a lot of noise nuisance and disturbance whilst the work is carried out. I have poor sleep quality throughout the night due to severe pain from my osteoporosis, and have trouble getting to sleep and I wake-up in the night. Due to this I am a late riser but the builders always start around 8am.

For all these reasons, last year whilst the roof was repaired at number 10 my health and peace of mind suffered a lot. Now there is the possibility that I will have to suffer even more this year.

What a waste of tax payers money to spend tens of thousands of pounds to repair a roof one year and then the next year to rip out half of the roof including a chimney.

I imagine number 10B is being extended for improved return on the rental market. In the past the flat was rented out to different groups of professionals. I still have my hearing so I would hear them frequently having social meetings and parties in the flat, sometimes very late. Most nights, it wasn't too disturbing because it was usually indoors and further to the front of the building. I feel to add a terrace would entice any residents to use it for such social events, day and night. This will now be happening about 10 yards from my bedroom which is one yard away from the fence to number 10.

As our two houses (12 and 14) are converted into 11 flats for the purpose of social housing, we all know each other and have rules and boundaries to intend that we live in harmony. For example people hardly ever use the garden after dark making the rear of the property pretty quiet now.

If you would like to see my situation for yourself you are most welcome to come and visit me in my home. Please check with me in advance because I have a lot of medical appointments coming up.

I ask you to please refuse permission for the application to build the terrace and both dormers and to remove the chimney. If you do allow the works, especially removing the chimney, could you please find some way to make sure that any disturbance especially dust and scaffolding is kept to a minimum because of my health problems.

yours sincerely Sarah Bartell