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**From:** monique o sullivan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 August 2014 21:26  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** 2014/4257/P

Dear Planning Officer,

Reg Flat b, 10 St. Albans Road NW5 1RD APP. REF. 2014/4257/P.

We are writing to object to the plans for the proposed work to the above property. We have lived at flat f ,12-14 St.Albans road for over 22 years. We are situated at the rear of the property on the first floor, right next to where the intended works would take place.

We feel the planned roof terrace and side dormer extensions would not be inkeeping with the style and character that is expected in the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area. Which is appreciated and favoured for its open skylines and sloping roofs.

On a personal level it will affect us tremendously. As our home is situated on the northwest of the building, both the side and rear dormers and roof terrace will restrict sunlight and daylight into our home. Our bedroom and kitchen are the only rooms in our home that benefit from any sunlight and these rooms are facing number 10. We have an internal window in our bedroom to benefit any daylight coming through to light up our hallway. Our bedroom is a peaceful haven which benefits from sunlight and at present has pleasant views of the nearby trees and skylight. I really appreciate this environment when i cannot face going out. I feel this has a great impact on my wellbeing and mental health.

This would not be the only factor , we would also lose any privacy in the bedroom, as the terrace looks directly onto not only our bedroom ,but also our bed, which cannot be resituated in the room. We would feel greatly imposed and would not in any way be able to relax with people only feet away having such a view into our bedroom. We also leave our window open to some degree as to ventilate the room, also we leave the blind up so far at night so to let some degree of light in . At present our bedroom as should be with a bedroom, has a great deal of privacy.

Number 10bs bathroom and toilet window overlooking,these windows are frosted, however if the plans go ahead this bathroom could become a bedroom in which case we presume plain glass would be used, adding more to our stress and lack of privacy. The planned side dormer also looks onto our bedroom and is situated around only 9 feet away. We would be overlooked very closely in so many ways. We would feel very vulnerable and undignified and self conscious in our bedroom due to being over looked and also over heard from the open roof terrace and door leading to it ,also the side dormer. It just feels totally unacceptable.

The terrace also looks directly onto our kitchen, so we would lose privacy there, as well as any daylight . If we need to use more lighting and energy this would increase costs of our bills, that we simply cannot afford. whilst adding more of a strain on the environment. We also rely on the sunlight in the kitchen to air our laundry.

We have a communal garden at the rear of the house that all 11 flats situated here can use. We have worked hard to maintain these. This will most likely lose some sun/daylight which is a great advantage for residents airing their laundry. If the work goes ahead we will also lose some privacy in the garden. As we are a communal household with shared gardens we try at all times to be aware of each others privacy and peace and quiet. We are conscious of certain boundaries and

acceptable times in which to use such communal areas to maintain a peaceful living environment. As we also have a 6 flat social housing block to the rear of the garden to expand peoples houses and in this case convert the loft area for added financial gain, will just overpopulate the area more so, Number 10 is an ex council house, with the ground floor (A) still owned and let by the council. Flat B has in the past been let out to professional groups of people, who would have parties and social gatherings in the flat, into the early hours. They would also open the kitchen door at the side of the house and spill out onto the tiny balcony which is situated around 9 feet away from our bedroom window.

Many a night we would have to move to the lounge to the rear of our house to get a half decent sleep. We feel the roof terrace could be used in much the same way.

We would be happy for someone to visit us in our home .

Yours

Sincerely M

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