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For the attention of Tania Skelli-Yaoz  
Ref 2013/8158/P 27-29 Whitfield Street, London, W1

Good Morning,

As an architect and a member of the public I write to raise an objection to the planning application submitted to the Borough for a two-level roof extension and roof terrace which, together with significant elevational changes to the existing facades would detrimentally affect the massing and aesthetic balance of the corner of Whitfield Street and Colville Place.

The Colville Place elevation lies beside the Grade 2 Listed Residential Building at 1 Colville Place, constructed in 1964. The modern architecture of this house with its mix of residential and other uses at lower levels has, for fifty years, provided an exemplar of infill excellence. In so doing it has made a clear, discreet contribution to the scale and character of the urban fabric of this part of Fitzrovia.

These contextual attributes, recognised and respected by English Heritage in their listing citation should, I suggest, be regarded as important considerations in relation to this planning application.

With these matters in mind I make two points in support of my objection:

First, the disproportionately large extension and roof terrace would, by its bulk and height, impact upon and disturb the appropriately modest scale of 1 Colville Place and give rise to unwarranted overlooking onto the roof terrace of 1 Colville Place on the level below.

Second, the proposed changes to the Colville Place facade with enlarged and repositioned windows would additionally disturb the carefully designed formal relationship between these neighbouring buildings and consequently the setting of 1 Colville Place in its urban context.

I trust that my comments will be taken into account in the process of determining this application which, I hope, will be refused.

Sincerely,  
Peter Ahrends, RIBA