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2015/0080/P	Samantha Harrison	3 Oak Hill Way London NW3 7LR	21/04/2015 14:37:04	OBJEMAIL	<p>Whilst I have no objection in principle to a redevelopment of the site at 1 Oak Hill Way which would result in increasing the number and height of windows overlooking the street, I am concerned that the additional height, windows and L- shaped extension with a balcony at the rear of the property will have negative effects on the light and privacy of my house and garden at no. 3.</p> <p>Part of my house runs along the side boundary of no.1. It is not as it appears in the submitted documents and I suggest that a site visit is necessary due to the inaccuracy of the drawings provided. It is a single storey building with velux rooflights in a pitched roof giving us accommodation at ground and first floor levels only.</p> <p>The development (via the new, higher windows and from the L-shaped extension and balcony offering an additional vantage point) will give no.1 views through 10 rooflights and into five rooms in my house.</p> <p>The second floor windows will, I think, be high enough to see not only into these rooms but also right over the roof of my house and into my garden on the other side.</p> <p>The development, being both higher and (with the L-shaped rear extension) in another plane to the existing dwelling will reduce light through these rooflights and, as we look up through them, a view for us of house and roof where currently, from most of them, all we see is sky and trees.</p> <p>The recent redevelopment of my property is referred to in the application as if it somehow might set a precedent but I should like to point out the following key points of difference. Although we inherited, as have the neighbours at no.1, a planning permission for a huge development with windows and balconies in all directions, we chose not to build that, concerned for the impact it would have on amenities for our neighbours.</p> <p>Instead, here are some of the points of difference between our redevelopment and that planned at no.1;</p> <p>Footprint unchanged Loft conversions were used instead of building an extra storey The majority of new glazing was sloping rooflights offering no compromise for neighbours' privacy New standard windows were limited to those with views of the street and our own garden only I showed all potentially affected neighbours our plans and invited them to look at their house from ours before I even submitted them to Camden for consideration. I listened to their concerns and acted on them, removing windows and balconies and changing guttering and so on.</p> <p>The result is that, although the noise and disturbance of the build were a nuisance for everyone, the finished renovation has not affected them in any way. I know, therefore, that it is possible to draw up plans which will be much more considerate and with less negative impact than the ones that have been submitted and I urge no.1 and their architects to reconsider.</p>