

We are objecting to converting a glass conservatory to a construction with French windows for the following reasons:

1. In 2014, property 32A Belsize Park obtained planning permission to enlarge windows located directly below the current proposed works. The support beam installed, in-line with the approved project for these enlarged windows in 2014, is not load-bearing and therefore cannot support construction above.  
Therefore, new building work above our kitchen with insufficient beam/wall structure will result in extreme damage since the wall/windows are not designed for any additional weight. This will damage our property, the proposed extension and the remainder of the property proposing works (32 Belsize Park).  
Given this, we simply do not want any construction work taking place.
2. Extensive invasion of privacy: with French windows the property above would be in a position to view a large part of the living interior and exterior of our property including parts of our kitchen, living room, conservatory, entrance, as well as our garden. The proposed works would oversee our home living space, complete outdoor area, and primary entrance which we find an intrusive and inappropriate invasion of privacy.
3. Create a significant increase in noise in the way the space would be used. Already there is no insulation between the lower ground floor and ground floor, and this will only add to the already high levels of noise the lower ground floor is subject to as a result.
4. Significant safety concerns and loss of privacy: building works directly above our property would require continued access to our property and garden over a prolonged period of time to erect scaffolding, have builders access etc. We do not want this for numerous reasons, namely lack of privacy and safety concerns for our young children.
  - a. During previous maintenance works conducted by the same owners to that property, we have had falling stone debris on numerous occasions. With the owners wanting to initiate more significant building works, we do not wish to be have the possibility of falling brickwork from above, as has happened in the past. This is dangerous and causes safety concerns as the proposed works are above our primary entrance path and especially with young children, there will be elevated safety risk.
  - b. Further the construction works undertaken will entail having workmen in front of our living area (kitchen / living room / conservatory) to access the proposed construction.
  - c. In addition, access to our property would entail leaving our gate entrance open to allow access, which again is a safety concern with young children who can easily walk out.
5. French windows will dramatically change the look of the house and will surrender period characteristics that are unique to the entire property (we are in a protected area).