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2015/5193/P	Dean la Tourelle	21a Upper Park Road NW3 2UN	18/11/2015 15:14:37	COMMNT	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application to build a roof room on the roof of 3,4 and 5 Upper Park Road. I am an Upper Park Road resident, an architect and a member of the Belsize Residents Association.</p> <p>The Conservation Area's roofscape is exceptionally important. You will see from Camden records that I, other residents and the Belsize Residents Association have been trying to increase the strength of Camden's roofscape policy in the Conservation Area for many years. This is a good test of the current policy.</p> <p>The existing roof building at 3,4 and 5 Upper Park Road can not be seen from the west side pavement and the existing house and extension forms a unified and satisfying architectural composition. There is no proof in either the Design and Access Statement or the submitted drawings to show what the character of the view to the roof would be if the proposal was approved. The Design and Access Statement notes that the character and appearance of the conservation area will be preserved because of "the minor nature of the proposals and the limited public viewpoints." There are no drawings, photographs or three dimensional images to support that statement.</p> <p>I recommend that the application be deferred until that evidence can be submitted and judged.</p> <p>In principle there is no reason why a small roof building should not be built on the property but it must either be invisible from Upper Park Road's pavements or make a positive contribution to the building's architectural competition.</p> <p>As shown in the application drawings, the proposed roof room is larger than the existing and presents a very awkward appearance. The Conservation Area deserves much better.</p> <p>I am happy to discuss my comments in more detail with the case officer.</p> <p>Dean la Tourelle</p>

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