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2015/7036/P	Sabine and Thomas Casparie	1A Ellerdale Road London NW3 6BA	03/03/2016 14:38:11	OBJ	<p>We would like to object to planning applications 2015/6843/P and 2015/7036/P as we feel this application introduces unfair changes to the roof structure.</p> <p>Firstly we note that in both applications one or two basement storeys are requested, and that the form of construction is further specified as piling instead of the previously granted underpinning. As far as these changes are concerned we want to make sure that the development is safe and sound and will not lead to subsidence of our flat, especially our kitchen extension which is supported by poles. We trust that the planning committee will carefully consider this.</p> <p>What we object to in both applications, however, is the change in structure and lay-out of the roof. When the original planning request was granted in 2013, when we bought our flat, we thought that the whole enterprise was somewhat precarious, the house being literally "squeezed in" between adjacent walls and gardens. But we were reassured by the fact that the plans for the house looked elegant and non-imposing, something that must also have pleased the planning authorities. Especially the roof was environmental friendly and un-obtrusive, with 3 small round rooflights and with the entire surface proposed to be covered in sedum grass.</p> <p>Now, however, in both applications the applicant has changed the planned roof structure, adding one rooflight, making all the rooflights/ windows much bigger, and asking for photovoltaic panels to be installed. The area reserved for the sedum grass, or in other words the "green" aspect of the development, has been significantly reduced.</p> <p>It seems unfair that the applicant is now trying to introduce a much less appealing roof than originally granted, via the backdoor of these amended applications.</p> <p>Our kitchen windows look directly out on the roof of 1 Ellerdale Road. We feel already compromised by having to overlook a concrete structure and do not think it necessary for the applicant to make any further changes to the roof plan as originally granted, and add further and much less discrete constructions on the flat roof.</p> <p>The amendments in the proposed surface of the roof diminish our amenities as direct neighbours. These changes will also jeopardise the feel and look of the proposed building in a dedicated conservation area.</p> <p>We are supportive of the rest of the development and by no means want to delay any proposed building works. However, we feel strongly against the changed roof structure and would ask the committee to refuse the unnecessary changes proposed in planning applications 2015/6843/P and 2015/7036/P.</p>