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2016/0816/P	Andrei Rozhdov	19 Highfields Grove London N6 6HN	04/03/2016 12:12:23	OBJ	<p>To begin with, it is necessary to mention that supporting documentation does not represent the true layout of houses in Highfields Grove as (deliberately or not) the house numbers shown on the drawings are inaccurate and it can therefore confuse LPA which house will be mostly affected by the proposed development.</p> <p>As the immediate neighbour (house No 19 shown as No 21 on the drawings), I would oppose the Application because if implemented it will not enhance the character of building in Conservation Area but indeed will harm the existing amenity and unified architectural look of Highfields Grove.</p> <p>Highfields Grove consists of 24 well-positioned and well-spaced dwellings allowing sufficient degree of openness and privacy. Every house has many common features with other houses including open style porches. Although it is not a planning issue but it would be worth mentioning that residents of Highfields Grove are required to maintain and do not change the external look of publicly visible parts of their houses by restrictive Covenants to their house purchase contracts in order to protect this unified architectural look.</p> <p>Enclosing the existent open porch will visually (and physically) move No 20 closer to No 19 thus creating claustrophobic and domination factor and blocking the part of an open view.</p> <p>Use of glass will not help to mitigate the annoyance since it will be practically impossible to keep the glass in pristine clear condition in London climate and in virtue of the fact that the dwelling is located in forestry area populated by animals and birds. From my own experience, I know how the windows look like the day after they being cleaned. Therefore, the glass parts of the structure will be inevitably stained and not as transparent as claimed. Any internal decoration, which is out of planning control like blinds or any chattels placed inside the new structure, will make a new porch look even more bulky.</p> <p>A new brick wall will be seen by Highfields Grove residents and passers-by and will further deteriorate a degree of openness of the space.</p> <p>Privacy will be compromised too as the enclosed porch will eventually become a part of the living space of No 20 with the entrance to No 20 be about 2 meters closer to No 19 thus moving neighbours' habitat closer to each other. This will increase a level of see-through, will step up light and sound annoyance.</p>