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Dear John

Many thanks for your letter of 5 April inviting comments on the above retroactive planning application, and for your visit on 15th April with John Sheehy. Both Hilary and I, as adjacent neighbours affected directly by the above application, appreciated your time and listening to our concerns.

As explained, my husband and I bought our house in 2002 with our own roof terrace in situ. Our objections to our neighbour's new terrace, which would be on the same level as ours, are as follows:

1. The line of houses separating Twisden Rd and Chetwynd Rd tapers to an uncomfortably intimate distance at the end in question. Bedroom window to bedroom window is approx. 8-9 meters apart. This is even closer from a roof terrace, approx. 7 m. This proposed roof terrace would look directly into bedroom windows opposite.
2. Due to this taper effect and lots of concrete patios and brick walls the funnelled space acts like a concrete megaphone, amplifying any sound. A radio playing through an open window at moderate volume can be heard easily throughout the area. Noise from a roof terrace would be amplified even more.
3. This terrace would be immediately adjacent to ours and therefore directly affecting our privacy, outlook, and, potentially, sunlight source. It would also be a possible source of noise and disturbance.
4. The railings of proposed roof terrace at no.45 (actually in place without planning permission) are straight vertical grey bars, not fitting with the Victorian theme of this conservation area.
5. If permission is granted for this terrace it may well encourage others to follow suit, leading to a further reduction in everyone's privacy and further opportunity for noise.

I understand that the next steps in the process will depend on the comments and objections received. My husband and I would like the opportunity to speak at the committee meeting when the issue is decided, and understand that you will inform us of the time and place.

Best wishes

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