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Dear Mr Diver,

**300 Kentish Town Road, NW5 2TG. Planning Application Ref. 2016/1745/P**

I am writing to object to this application. I am concerned it will increase the overlooking of my house, and greatly reduce the privacy of my kitchen and bedroom which face towards the property in question. Especially as I see that the flat now seems to have three bedrooms - it was a one bedroom flat just last year! I also note that the proposals include a new small Lounge space, which will obviously be let out as a bedroom. So the flat will become a four bedroom flat. So there will be far more people to disturb my peace. And the big new opening windows that are proposed to face directly towards the back of my house will massively increase the overlooking of my bedroom in particular, especially as, due to the proposed extension, it will now be closer than the small, frosted, bathroom window that currently faces me.

I have been told by my neighbour that the owner of the flat did not have planning permission to turn it from a one bedroom to a three bedroom flat. And that the layout inside might not be safe or comply with regulations. I ask that the Council looks into this, and whether the changes made also need planning permission. I am also concerned that, despite what the application claims, it will reduce light levels in the rear rooms of my house, particularly my kitchen. Who knows whether the drawings are accurate? No one came to do a survey of the distance of the back of my house from their wall, or measure my windows. And there is no evidence what the effect will be in winter and summer. I am told that developers have to do proper daylight reports to show the effects of new properties built close to existing ones. I think the owner of the flat should be made to pay for such a report before he is allowed to build a new extension that will possibly make light levels in my kitchen even worse than they already are. Something that once done, can never be undone.

I also have problems with the roof terrace at the back of 300 Kentish Town Road overlooking my property. They sometimes have loud parties out on the terrace late into the night, and look down into my kitchen and right across into my bedroom. This is a complete invasion of my privacy. Sometimes I have to shut the blinds in the day to stop them looking straight in at me. I strongly object to the terrace as it is and also to any terrace for a new proposal. If there are more bedrooms in the new flat, this will only get worse. Some sort of privacy measures or screening should be enforced as part of any new planning permission to protect neighbours.

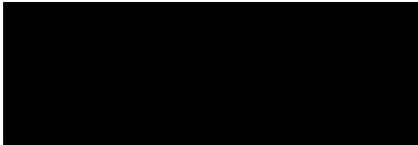
I also want to say something about the amount of rubbish left out on the streets by the occupants of 300 Kentish Town Road. The residents of the flats seem to put out their rubbish whenever it pleases them, even though it is only collected once a week. The bin bags get ripped (when they even bother using bin bags) and rubbish blows up Leverton Place. This has been going on for years, and no action has been taken about it. I think that if the owner wants to increase the number of occupants in

the building, he should be made to have a storage area for waste and recycling in the building where it can be collected from on the right day of the week. The situation as it stands is unhygienic and causes a continual unsightly mess. If nothing is done about it, and the number of residents increases, the situation will only get worse.

Finally I want to complain about the rooftop mechanical equipment for the restaurant. It is old, noisy, and also very big. The drawings for the new proposals do not show where this equipment is or will be placed. This is a big concern to me, as it could be moved and put right outside my bedroom window.

I hope you will take my objections to the application proposals into consideration when you are considering whether to grant planning permission, and I hope you will reject them as they stand. I don't object in principle to the owner upgrading his property, but I do strongly object to them proposing to do it in such a selfish manner, without the slightest consideration for the concerns of their neighbours, or any attempt to consult them before putting in a planning application.

Yours Sincerely,

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Elsie Dix