

Advice from Eton Conservation Area Advisory Committee: 20 August 2016.

**Re 39 Steele's Road: 2016/4150/P**

This house is one of a group of artists' houses built in the early 1870's and described by Nikolaus Pevsner in his Buildings of England (London 4: North, p. 241) as 'detached . . . highly individual . . . very much in the vanguard of the new taste'. In short, these houses form a most important and distinctive presence in the conservation area.

The frontage of no. 39 originally had twin gables. But these gables have been done away with by filling in the valley between them to make a flat roof, giving the upper part of the house an ungainliness at odds with the original design. Despite this the building still remains an impressive looking house, with its big tall frontage and subtly shallow two storey projection. But this application, in proposing a kind of bay window that pays little or no attention to the formal arrangements of this elevation, would adversely affect these particular qualities and cause further disfigurement.

This is a listed building. As such it should be protected from an application such as this. The flat in question already has its own separate entrance. This proposal doesn't appear to be in any way essential, and it should very definitely not receive approval.

Yours sincerely,

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