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2016/3897/P	Belsize Residents Association, by Sanya Polescuk	8a Belsize Court Garages	04/09/2016 15:57:48	OBJ	<p>The proposal is hardly what one would call an inspired piece of architecture....It is rather a contorted infill employing many different forms and materials, unfitting for the elegant host building.</p> <p>The objection to the proposal infilling the historic gap between two semi-detached villas however relevant too.</p> <p>The existing single story extension belongs to the property at no 20 and sits between two historic two-story extensions, part-infilling the gap between houses no20 and no22. However, the existing infill contains no particular function which is vital for the main house or its historic extension - it is labelled 'work space'. It is glass-roofed, conveying a notion of dispeability - if this single-story extension were to be removed it would not deter from the functionality of the main house.</p> <p>Instead, the proposal places the staircase into the 'gap', roofs it with the predominantly solid roof and takes up much of its footprint with a kitchen. All of these are pretty substantial for the function of the building and so unlikely to ever be removed. Hence, the 'gap' would disappear for ever. If the gaps are to be protected so that semi-detached villas do not merge into terraced houses, this proposal should be rejected.</p>

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