Note submitted in response to query from Camden Planners re choice of materials to clad dormer to flat 3 at no 28 Mansfield Road. Photographs show the existing context and the rear of properties to the east and the west, facing onto the interior of the block of housing bounded by Mansfield Road, Shirlock Road and Roderick Road



1 Existing dormer at 28 Mansfield Road, showing slate and clumpy lead detailing



2 Dormer immediately next door, to the east, with crisp metal cladding



3 Other metal clad dormers to properties to the west on Mansfield Street



4 Rear of properties on Shirlock Rd, showing mixture of cladding to dormer windows. Horizontal lines of slate clad dormer in foreground looks incongruous



5 Enlargement of above photo showing one slate clad dormer (centre of photograph) which looks odd in context with other metal clad dormers



6 Dormers to rear of Roderick Road



7 Enlargement of above, showing majority of metal clad dormers and rather suburban looking slate tiled dormer in foreground

In summary, the use of metal cladding to dormers is well established in this context. The use of slate on the vertical face looks relatively alien, and is possibly because it is not a very traditional use for slate in a dormer addition. Making the cladding out of metal more clearly articulates the dormer as a separate, additional element to the roof. Using a quality material in this location should also reduce the need for expensive access in the future.