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2016/5758/P	Alan Payne	8a Chesterford Gardens NW3 7DE NW3 7DE	13/11/2016 11:17:33	OBJEMAIL	<p>I own the mews immediately behind the proposed extension. There are two windows on both the ground floor and the first floor to the rear of the mews. The ground floor is already extremely dark. The ground floor rear windows look out onto the rear wall of No20, which in part has already been extended. The extended section is about 2-3 meters away and largely blocks the light into the rear of the ground floor of the mews. The majority of the light and the limited view comes from the area of the proposed extension. This allows for a space of approximately 6 square meters and provides some form of view/light. It would ruin the ground floor of the mews if the windows looked onto a wall that ran only 2 meters away the rear of the mews, across the rear of my mews and the adjoining mews, and which extended up to the first floor. The mews would feel like a prison with a high wall immediately outside the rear window. As you will appreciate there is only limited scope for a window without privacy curtains in the front of the mews, due to people passing by. It is therefore imperative that natural light can come into the property from the rear.</p> <p>The proposed extension, therefore, would render the ground floor even darker, and would make the downstairs claustrophobic.</p> <p>I have owned the mews for nearly 20 years (and my father before me). Every other mews bar one has built a second floor extension. I have finally been able to re-purchase a room that belonged to my mews from the adjoining mews. This room is on the 1st floor. I can now apply to build a second floor extension. If my application is successful I will make the ground floor into a self contained flat, and build a two floor flat on the 1st and 2nd floor. It is therefore imperative that the ground floor retains windows that provide light otherwise it will not be possible for it be flat. It will simply be too dark and, unlike the other mews that I have seen, it will have little or no natural light from the rear. In terms of privacy the position will be even worse if a window is built into the extension - both in terms of noise and the sense of people looking into the rear of the mews.</p> <p>The impact in relation to the first floor will be less pronounced, but it will nevertheless remove a sense of space and separation from the rear.</p> <p>The adverse impact on those who live in the mews is therefore significant and indeed the people who currently live in the mews (who informed me of the proposed extension) are very concerned about the proposed extension.</p> <p>I therefore would ask that permission be refused to build the extension due to the significant adverse impact on the quality of life of those living in the mews.</p> <p>I have taken a number of pictures from the rear of the mews to show the existing situation and to highlight the impact of a wall being built 2 meters away from the existing windows. I would like to send them to you for you to consider, but am unsure how to do it. I have included my email address below, and would be grateful if you could email me to let me know how to send the pictures. I can attach them to an email if this would assist. I am happy to attend the committee if this is the only way to put forward the pictures.</p>

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks in advance.

Kind Regards

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