

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2016/6493/P	Ben and Emma Cottam	Ground Floor Flat 42 Countess Road London NW5 2XJ	04/01/2017 18:29:56	OBJ	<p>We live in the Ground Floor Flat at 42 Countess Road, and are very concerned about the proposed changes to 44 Countess Road. We would like to register our objections on the following points:</p> <p>1) The proposed 1st floor extension is not in keeping with the surrounding buildings. The discrepancy between the rear elevations of numbers 42 and 44 Countess Road would look very strange, and at odds with the character of the surrounding terraced buildings. We note that this is now a conservation area, and that all changes should be sympathetic to the historical buildings.</p> <p>2) The window at the rear of the 1st floor extension will look directly out onto our garden (currently not overlooked from this side). We would be very upset by the loss of privacy, which was one of the characteristics that initially attracted us to our property. It may also impact on the value of our property when we come to sell in the future. We are not clear from the available plans if there is a roof terrace at 1st floor level; if this is the case we would strenuously object for the same reasons.</p> <p>3) There is a history of subsidence issues at the rear of our property (42 Countess Road). We are therefore very concerned that demolishing the rear wall of 44 Countess Road will remove support from our section of the terrace, leading to further structural problems.</p> <p>We would not object to a sensitive ground floor extension, as long as it does not extend beyond ours.</p> <p>We hope that our objections can be taken into consideration, and would be grateful if you could kindly keep us updated as to any developments in this application.</p> <p>Many thanks.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Ben and Emma Cottam</p>
