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To whom it may concern,

As the applicant for number 38, I write to offer my reasons for the proposal and assurances of my commitment to preserving the historic integrity of the building.

As the planners are aware, my home has been progressively encircled by large developments, which now dwarf the building in terms of height. When originally built, the house would have enjoyed much higher daylight access, which as a consequence of these significantly taller developments has now been extensively curtailed. The new bedroom the loft provides would allow me to regain a living space with an improved level of daylight.

Additionally, my elderly mother will soon be coming to live with me so I can better provide for her care. To this end, family members will also be coming to stay with increasing frequency. The extra living space provided by the extension will greatly alleviate the stress such an arrangement creates, allowing a greater degree of privacy between us.

I wish to reassure the planners of my intention to carry out the works to a high standard that is respectful of the buildings historic nature. I am committed to restoring and sustaining those elements of the house which give - and will increasingly give - pleasure both to me and to my neighbours. For example, the restoration of the windows - the work of a single craftsman - was described by Camden's own conservation officer as 'Blue Chip' in terms of quality and skill. My neighbours are aware of the proposals and have raised no concerns on this basis, with one - Mr Alan Chandler, a conservation architect and lecturer in historic buildings - writing strongly in support.

I hope I can reassure the inspector of my desire to carry the proposal forwards in good faith and wish to state my willingness to address any concerns as far as possible,

Yours sincerely,

David Horbury

