

**Hazelton, Laura**

---

**Subject:** FW: Application 2016/7054/P

---

**From:** jocelyn hurndall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2017 13:54  
**To:** Hazelton, Laura  
**Subject:** Application 2016/7054/P

Dear Ms Hazelton,

**Planning Application 2016/7054/P**

I realise I write to you a day after the final date that objections to the above application can be included. During these last weeks, which have included illness, it was not possible for me to write. Therefore, I very, very much hope that my objection to the above planning application might be included even after the final date. Living at 89 Burghley Road, only yards away from Burghley Court, this planning application affects me and many others directly.

My main objections are to do with the loss of light, loss of privacy and a dominant sense of being enclosed in an already darkened, built up area, but there are other points I would like to make.

**Loss of light**

There is already considerable loss of light around my house, No 89. Burghley Court, as it stands, is already tall for the area and does much to reduce the light, not to speak of sunlight. I clearly recall the dramatic difference in level of light that was made back in 2003 (?) when Burghley Court was first constructed. It would be really distressing if this was worsened by an additional storey.

I would add, my house backs on to the concrete estate walkway that almost looms over my garden which adds to the general feeling of reduced light. Normally, I'm much in favour of trees, but the extremely tall trees behind my house already deprive houses of light and sunlight. Any additional storey on top of an existing construction will only worsen the light that is available to us.

**Loss of privacy**

There is no question that there is already a sense of loss of privacy. Although the balconies of Burghley Court are at a right angle to our gardens, the ends of the balconies completely overlook our gardens. I am already overlooked by the windows of the estate flats. The plans for a further storey, as I understand it, would simply worsen this issue.

**The design, character and skyline**

An additional storey would completely dominate the skyline and architecture which matters when living in central London, in any city. As it stands it's possible to accept a reasonably level skyline where no single building dominates another. Any additional storey would be extremely overbearing in manner and dominate houses around. Surely this is not what good architecture should be about. Architecture, which includes matters of skyline, should inspire rather than detract. This storey would undoubtedly detract from our skyline.

If I recall correctly, in the original application back in 2003 (?), there was a request to have an additional storey. I objected at the time to the application and was saddened that it went ahead. It detracted then and it would certainly detract now.

I would be most grateful if you could include my objection.

Yours sincerely,

Jocelyn Hurdall M.A., F.R.S.A.,

89 Burghley Road,  
London,  
NW5 1UH  
Tel: [REDACTED]