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PROPOSED ROOF EXTENSION AT 120 LEIGHTON ROAD NW5

I am asked to express an opinion about the appropriateness of the dormers for this roof extension. I have seen the relevant drawings and am familiar with the short terrace of which 120 Leighton Road forms a part. The terrace dates from about 1840.

Dormer windows in Georgian and early Victorian flat-fronted terrace houses that are behind a parapet were typically vertical casement windows with their side cheeks and flat top lead-covered. Sometimes the lead covering carried around the front of the dormer covering the thickness of the dormer structure. The dormers are centred on the windows of the facade below.

Therefore, what is proposed for 120 is in accord with this tradition and is in my view entirely correct.

I remark that in any case it would be unreasonable to be over-prescriptive about dormers in this terrace as the existing ones are inconsistent.

I mention that typically these casement windows would have been divided by a single horizontal glazing bar. Given the modern need for double-glazing it would, in my opinion, be acceptable to omit the such a detail into the windows proposed.

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PS I have a speciality in historic buildings. I am the architect for the Copped Hall Trust. In 1985 I was retained by the London Borough of Camden to create a scheme for the reinstatement of traditional railings and gates in numerous properties in NW5.