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 Jones, Evelyn

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 Caroline Jill Turner

Subject: Comments on planning application number 2017/3029/P.

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Dear Evelyn,

I write with regard to application number 2017/3029/P.

The website for comments

(http://planningrecords.camden.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer17/PLComments.aspx?pk=452075) seems to be down and it was suggested I should email you instead.

"I write as the 28-year old daughter of Robin Moss and Jill Turner. 32 King Henry's Road has always been home and I have been very lucky that my parents have continued to live there, nurturing the house and garden. I have many fond memories, and remember clearly playing in the garden as a child and unpacking the shopping with my mum in the kitchen. I have learned to love and appreciate the house even more over time, particularly the scale of rooms encapsulated in the original Victorian façade and windows. The proportions of the house are understated, unusual and beautiful. I stay at home whenever I can. I hope and intend to live and raise my family there.

I was truly shocked to read the plans for a large glass extension to the side and rear of our neighbour's flat. The plans seem out of all proportion and very much at odds with the character of the building style. It surprises me that they wish to proceed with such work when their building even still retains original columns under the bay window. The proposed extension looks like an Oxford Street shop front and would be intrusive and unpleasant to live with even once the drilling and digging and scraping had finally ceased. Their proposed extension would overshadow and ruin my parents' enjoyment of their quiet and mature garden. We would for ever look back onto the scarred face of the original building.

Further, it is clear that allowing this application would set a precedent for further, similar developments. This expansion is not addressing a housing crisis or creating new space for another family, it is just greedy. The neighbour on the other side has said that she would apply to do a similar expansion work if No.34's application was approved, making it impossible for my parents (or our family) to live and enjoy the house for many years to come.

Comparison has been drawn between my mother's knocking through to use the coal hole under the stairs to gain a few feet and make space for a seating area in the galley kitchen. At the same time renovation work following damage from tree roots from the street and subsidence was necessary. The kitchen was a carefully designed and sensitive project, very much in keeping with the fabric of the house and neighbourhood. It is hardly noticeable and caused no disturbance and it was never planned to have the glass ceiling that the applicants speak of.

In all honesty, my parents have had a very challenging few years. It upsets me to admit it, but they are elderly and increasingly frail. With my father's diagnosis of dementia, my mother slipping on steps and fracturing her spine (and now suffering disabling back pain and further degenerative arthritis). I worry about them often and this application has added much anxiety, stress and apprehension. Our neighbours have been open about their intention to move out for a year during a building work. My parents would have to try to do the same, at the ages of 77 and 67. I don't think this is a fair or feasible proposal and I would ask you to please reject the application.

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I copy my comments below. I would be really grateful if you could confirm that my comments have been received and submitted.

With best wishes,

Eleanor