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2017/4181/P	Michele Najmann	7 Gayton Road	01/08/2017 07:21:33	OBJLETTE R	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>My name is Michele Najmann. I am the owner, occupier of No.7 GAYTON ROAD. I wish to object to the unauthorised building works at No.5 Gayton Road - in the following manner.</p> <p>1) The new roof terrace at No.5 is very intrusive as somebody standing on it can see directly into my garden from a point where there was no overlooking previously. This has an impact on my privacy and my ability to enjoy my own garden.</p> <p>2) In 2007 I was subjected to a bitter and expensive dispute with the owner of No.6 Gayton road (Mr Hurford) - who applied for permission to build a roof terrace on the rear flat roof (which is a designated fire escape platform in every house, along this row of houses) (Application no.2007/4735/P). This application was refused and then rejected on appeal, mainly because of the loss of privacy it would cause to neighbours. To me personally it would have meant complete loss of privacy in my kitchen, garden, and guest room. This loss of privacy would have need visual and audible, as every word of conversation, (private and public) would be overheard by both home owners. This is not a row of tenement buildings. One has a right to private space and privacy!</p> <p>The acrimony involved in this dispute caused me a great deal of distress; mental, emotional, and physical - (as the application was re-submitted repeatedly as you can see in your records) - over some years; and during that time there was considerable animosity, tension and unpleasantness that built up. I faced considerable legal costs to fight the development, and endured some health problems. However, I felt it was worth enduring on principle; to preserve the privacy and integrity of my living space.</p> <p>It is also important to note that such an overlook and loss of privacy onto my premises would reduce the equity (selling price) of my property in future. This I felt was completely unacceptable.</p> <p>3) If a roof terrace at No.5 is allowed, I am concerned that it will set a precedent for other neighbours to want to build roof terraces. It will be a domino effect. In my dispute (with Mr Hurford) I had hoped to prevent this domino effect from happening. I did win the ruling - and until this point no further applications to build roof terraces on these adjoining houses has been made (until now. As far as I know!).</p> <p>These roof terraces, I have been repeatedly informed by experts whom I retained to fight my case, have to be left completely clear, as they are fire escape platforms. This is a Council ruling. Has this changed? I do not think so!</p> <p>4) We are in a conservation area. Any new development is supposed to be designed to fit with the surrounding buildings. None of the five other identical houses in this row has a roof terrace of any nature!</p> <p>5) The fence which has been built at No.5 is large and imposing and out of character with the surrounding buildings.</p> <p>6) The terrace at No.5 has been built with no consideration of the impact on the privacy of neighbours. nor has there been any consideration of the impact on the value of neighbouring properties.</p> <p>7) I very much hope that Camden Council will act to protect the amenity and privacy of</p>

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owners in Gayton Road. Also to protect their quality of life and the value of their properties.
Yours sincerely
Michele Najmann

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