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Sent: 29 August 2017 07:37
To: Planning
Subject: 2017/4219/P

Dear Planning,

I am writing to comment on application 2017/4219/P at 1 Inkerman Road, NW5 3BS.

I object to this application. Putting a roof extension right up to the front of the existing roofline of this house would break the line of the roofs of the street and so alter the look and feel of the streetscape as to render the protections of the Conservation Area meaningless.

The terrace of houses of which this house is part lie at the heart of the Inkerman Conservation Area. Breaking the roofline on this row of houses would change for ever the historic look and feel of the two storey houses, and set a precedent for all the similar houses in Inkerman Road and Alma Street. The comment from the occupier of No. 2 Inkerman Road already says they will make a similar application, and others would no doubt follow. There is an argument that allowing this sort of expansion would mean that families could stay in the area, but it would just as easily mean that landlords and developers would move to create random roof extensions, destroying the original justification for having a Conservation Area at all.

The purpose of Conservation Areas seems quite clear from the legislation, that

"(1)Every local planning authority—

(a)shall from time to time determine which parts of their area are areas of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance...

Changing the roofline on these houses would so alter the "architectural or historic interest" of the area as to make the conservation area redundant, to be cancelled.

I ask that this application is rejected, and the principle of the Conservation Area maintained.

Adam Leys
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