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Dear Tessa Craig

Application no. 2017/507/ P / Ort House 126 Albert Street

I have lived at this address for 46 years, four houses along from Ort House. Today, I am writing to object to the application to add windows to the rear of the Ort building and to enlarge two of the windows on the ground floor at the front.

Addition of rear window s to Ort House and loss of privacy

When I first came here I thought the large rear addition to Cecil House, 102-104 Albert St, was grossly out of proportion to this almost entirely residential street. But I could also see considerable effort had gone into successfully protecting our privacy and preventing it overlooking our gardens: on the side wall of the rear addition there is only one long horizontal frosted glass window, app 9 inches or so deep and near ceiling height, for each floor. And the glazing for the connecting walkways between each floor of the original houses and the rear addition are tucked back close to the old houses. It all worked very well then and still does after nearly half a century.

By contrast, the proposed addition of windows to the rear flank wall of Ort House will overlook our gardens and invade our privacy. Or if opaque or frosted glass is used will have the potential to be changed for the worse at a later date. (In the case of 118 Albert Street one of these windows has the potential to look into their first floor rear room from a distance of only about 8 feet away. Frankly, if that were allowed to happen it would be an inconsiderate disgrace.)

Enlargement of two ground level front windows at Ort House

Ort House's front exterior was built in proportions broadly matching those of the adjoining houses. If permission is granted to enlarge two Ort windows on the front ground floor it will detract from that balance. And increase the sense of business use encroachment on a largely residential street of Grade 2 listed houses.

For these reasons I strongly object to this application and urge that it is rejected as a similar application was 17 years ago.

Yours sincerely

Peter Cundall