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2017/6807/P	Dilip Lakhani	38 Alma Street	11/02/2018 21:40:13	NOBJ	I like the proposal and I live next door.

I have one complaint for Camden Planning - I am at 38 Alma Street, immediately next door to nr. 37 and the houses are numbered in numerical order and not alternately. I should have received a letter and this is a lack of attention to detail on Camden Planning. Other neighbours have reported the same.

The plan proposes an extension that could be partially visible from the street and at an angle looking up. However Alma Street already has a mix of third floor extensions on it's two story houses. My view is that it is fine and acceptable. I have a design view - that it is not in keeping with some of these existing typologies and should be more obvious rather than so apologetic. It lacks some conviction and should be more bold. It would then be more in keeping with the street. Victorian roof lines, however cute they are, are for Victorian times, we need new and updated ones for our 21st century times. However I can see the compromises that have been made and accept them.

I have only one query and that is the effect of light on the gardens behind. There will be some effect on the direct sunshine in my garden from about 4pm onwards in the evenings.

I also don't mind the effect on the V - valley roof rhythm at the rear. From the roof and the rear gardens - it's all pretty much all over the place nowadays.

The area has become increasingly gentrified and developed. Houses are now rented out to people with no interest in locals. I feel that the extension would serve a more important purpose, that of hopefully keeping a busy and happy family who are part of the community and neighbourhood in the area for longer. I definitely don't want people to build into the ground into basement extensions. It could be argued that if you want a bigger house then one could move - but this is completely unfair and wrong. It is expensive on the first place and also destroys the fabric and landscape of relationships. The only way is up for all of us - so to speak.
