



My house is almost directly across the street from the proposed development works. I would like to object on three grounds

1. Overlooking: a front facing terrace will look directly into my house, including bedrooms and reception rooms. This is a totally unnecessary intrusion and will reduce privacy in my family home. I object strongly to the construction of a front facing terrace.

2. Impact on Conservation Area

Falkland Road is now part of a conservation area, aimed to preserve the look and feel of this Victorian street. Although the house two doors down had a roof conversion (with no front facing roof terrace), this was done before the conservation area was implemented is very much out of place with the rest of the terrace on that side of the road. The purpose of the conservation area should be to prevent this kind of development happening again so as to preserve the street as it currently is. Approving this development would set an undesirable precedent for other houses in the street and surrounding area.

The photos accompanying the application suggest that the dormer windows somehow set a precedent that should facilitate this proposal. This is not the case. Rather, the houses opposite number 44 have had sloping roofs since they were built and dormer windows were part of the original construction. These dormers (subsequently enlarged) are barely visible from the street, and are totally different from this proposal, which seeks to add a whole additional floor and a terrace.

Finally, the side window proposed in the side elevation of 44 Falkland Road above the church hall would stand out significantly, and would be clearly visible when accessing Falkland Road from Lady Margaret Road, again to the detriment of the area.

3. Light: the proposed works, adding as they do an extra floor, would add shade on the front of the houses facing number 44 Falkland Road (including number 49). Sun hits the houses on the north side of Falkland Road from above number 44 and the neighbouring properties. Increasing the height of number 44 will obscure the sun and reduce the amount of natural light able to reach the houses opposite.

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