

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2018/2127/P	A & I Curcio	17/06/2018 21:47:57	OBJ	<p>We are objecting to the proposed extension to number 40 for a number of grounds. Our property, number 36 Shoot Up Hill is positioned directly behind number 40.</p> <p>1) Direct overlooking into our property and loss of privacy: The main grounds for objecting is that any extension of the first floor would move the windows in flat 3 closer to our property by 3.2 metres. This increased proximity would greatly diminish our right to privacy- not only by moving the windows much closer so that they would look directly into our children's bedrooms but also the proposed 3.2 metre increase may also result in sounds being distinguishable even if windows were not open. This is not the case now - where there is sufficient distance to prevent us feeling totally overlooked. This concern is further impacted by the fact that the proposal is seeking to attract, a 'young couple that enjoys entertaining'. We have a small family home with young children and the idea of making changes to encourage entertaining directly outside our children's windows greatly concerns us. Despite its proximity to Shoot Up Hill, this is a quiet residential area surrounded by quiet gardens. The submitted plans strangely address the overlooking at number 38, but ignore the fact that we will directly face the proposed extension. In addition, the proposed extension will also overlook our front garden and into our skylights and living room.</p> <p>2) Previous council guidance: We ourselves submitted a (granted) planning application for an extension a couple of years ago and were advised by the council at the time that extending on our first floor closer towards buildings at number 38 and number 40 (towards the south west and Shoot Up Hill) would be obtrusive onto neighbouring properties. On this basis we did not seek a larger extension on our first floor.</p> <p>3) Bulky addition: the proposed extension - whilst generally creating a sense of building up the area - will also look an odd extension to the building which is currently aligned with number 38. The proposed extension will make the building look uneven with a bulky uneven extension sticking out from number 40.</p> <p>4) Loss of Light: As well as the loss of privacy, any extension will significantly block light in the afternoon into our property and our front outdoor space limiting how much we could use the space in the front of our home. It will certainly block the daylight from number 38 and diminish light into our property and in an already build up back area.</p> <p>5) Boundary clarification: Finally we would like to clarify that the plans submitted erroneously suggest a portion of the land at the rear of number 40 belongs to Mrs Wakely. For clarification purposes, in October 2016, we purchased part of the rear garden from Mrs Wakely. This will be evident by visiting the site and seeing the fence line which is also drawn on Mrs Wakely's submitted plan. We note she is not proposing to construct anything on our land, nor is there any dispute with Mrs Wakely about the land so we assume the plan has just been erroneously submitted by her architects.</p>
