

Dear Miss Meynell

I am writing on behalf of and and and who are in the process of applying to Camden City Council for planning permission to make changes to their existing roof extension.

I was their architect for that original extension, built in 1980. The concept was for a light weight timber framed building, considerably set back from brick front and rear of the original building, and incorporating a sloping element to protect the light and aspect of the neighbouring properties.

It seems to me that the changes sought in the current application reflect this original concept exactly.

The decision to clad the building in vertical boarding, which will become grey over time, is exactly what I would do now. The need for high levels of insulation is paramount (in a way it was not back in 1980), and

the client's requirements have changed in 38 years. This is reflected in the revised plan, served by less glazing.

I have seen the conservation officer's comments and respect his emphasis on retaining the different character of the roof extension from that of the masonry building below. I think it would be inappropriate for the windows in the extension to line up with those in the building below, and welcome the fact that they do not, as I believe this serves to emphasise the different nature of the original building from the extension. Furthermore, the deep steel coping of the original design served a particular purpose in hiding the construction and preventing the top of the timber frame and the windows from water ingress. The current construction does not require this depth, and I think that the slim proposed coping is an elegant solution, which further supports the light-weight nature of the proposed revised extension.

I fully support what the and their architect are proposing, and am hoping that my support will be helpful to you in determining the Council's response to this application.

Yours sincerely



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