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Planning Applications (3 Hillfield Road)

No. 2019 / 4621 Side Extension
No. 2019 / 4701 Infill Terrace

Looking at the applications from No 3 Hillfield Road one notices first that the drawings for the proposed extension are produced by a builder: "Elevations", not an architect.

It is reassuring that such a chaotic, badly conceived project has not been submitted by an architect.

A most obvious comment that should be made, is that the alterations proposed are piecemeal, ad hoc, and inconsistent. The planning applications are made at different times and built at different stages - (Applications 2014 / 3319/P)
2015 / 4981/P
2019 / 4621
2019 / 4701.

There does not seem to have been at the start an "overall plan" by an architect which would have produced a design with harmonious proportions consistent

with the neat and orderly row of the terraced houses in Hillfield Road, built in the 19th century. Instead, alterations are made, without, it seems, any concern for the final result.

It is shocking that permission was given by Camden to build a rear elevation on the existing Victorian roof. The result is an ugly, grey rectangle, with hideous square windows, which jarr with the sloping red-brick Victorian roof, and which was built higher than the height allowed by the regulations. The result is a dog's dinner, painful to look at.

Planning permissions was given almost six years ago and building works have been going on for more than four years.

After four years, however, very little has been achieved - The house is still a complete shamble, it is uninhabited, and uninhabitable!!!!

The front garden of No. 3 Hillfield Road is completely "stocked-up", right up to the upper floor, with piles of wood, plants and all sorts of building materials and rubbish.

the pile of detritus, however, has recently been "boarded up" and the rubbish hidden from the view. There always is half a dozen workers circulating in and out, and transporting material into the back garden - Indeed, the back garden is used to store all sorts of building material and rubbish.

"Elevations", the builders, owners of No. 3 Hillfield Road, are also the owners of Nos. 2, 2A and 2B Hillfield Road; these houses have been boarded up for at least seven years... Although some building work seems sometimes to take place and workers are occasionally there, the building work is at best "intermittent" and no sign of progress seems to ~~take place~~ ^{noticeable} and after seven years there is certainly no indication at all that these houses have been restored. Both sides of the road, where Hillfield Road joins Gouda Gardens through a few steps, both houses on each ^{side} are boarded up. Rubbish and material are often deposited in the "cul-de-sac" and

The rubbish does not appear to be loaded on any skips. It is hard to believe that it takes "Elevations" seven years to restore a house and it is quite likely therefore that "Elevations" are using the back-gardens of 3 Hillfield Road as a workshop and a building site.

In recent weeks, and perhaps following complaints from residents, the back garden of 3 Hillfield Road has been completely covered up by a wooden structure with a tarpaulin cover, along the whole length of the garden, right next to the path along South-Mansions. It is now impossible to see what the workers are doing and it is doubtful whether this construction has been authorized or is legal.

It seems likely that the back-garden of 3 Hillfield Road will be used as a building site for years to come and the house will remain a slum-

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