Application 2019/5693/P

- Installation of glazed balustrade at roof level to create a roof garden, enlargement of existing side dormer window and installation of glazed access rooflight

This is a surprising application for me and the other leaseholders in the building who, if they wanted it, would need to pay for it as there would be no economic gain to the freeholder in progressing with it. We have not been approached to see if this is something we desired and to be clear it is not; we wish the property to remain a positive contributor and live in a lovely Conservation area. We do have external space, with access to some two acres of wonderful communal gardens behind the property.

This appears to be strongly linked to application 2019/5690/P for the erection of a full roof extension; a maybe interim step, particularly to gaining access. To note, like that application the proposed staircase would severely restrict access to my flat on the top floor.

The application refers to 'minor' alterations, however the extension of the side dormer is not minor as it undermines the integrity of the property and its uniformity with the group of four buildings to which it belongs. The glass balustrade would also be clearly visible from the road.

I am also not sure the existing roof is strong enough for the proposal. The only people who currently access the roofer are professional builders and the roof is not far above my ceiling plaster boards (there is no attic, my flat is the attic).

Rebecca