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Response: Opposition to new proposed drawings 98 Highgate West Hill, June 2020

We strongly oppose to the new proposed drawings for three reasons:

- They do not accurately reflect the reality of the 'as built' situation, and are therefore disappointingly misleading
- They fail to show the poor build, for instance not showing the ugly protruding black pipe right outside our windows
- They cause us harm through loss of outlook and loss of daylight as well as invasive feel because of the overbearing mass of the overall structure and its oppressive effect, 2.5 meters away from our South facing windows

The intention to raise the roof by 30 centimetres had been shared with us verbally by the owners at the time they were preparing their original proposal (in 2017). We made it very clear at the time that we would oppose. Our current opposition is consistent with our original comments and the concerns we expressed at the time.

On the approved drawings, extra height was created in the attic by dropping the height of the first floor ceiling by about 30 centimetres. This change has not been implemented.

All the changes below contribute to our loss of outlook and loss of daylight.

List of issues, to which we all oppose:

- The ridge of the main roof went up, and this is not shown on the new proposed drawings (we can prove this through an old picture that we happen to have taken years ago from inside our house)
- The ridge of the front facing roof (above front bay windows) is proposed to be higher than originally approved (and has been built as such)
- The gutter above the North facing dormer window is proposed to be raised against the approved drawing (and has been built as such)
- The North facing dormer is positioned higher than approved (and has been built as such)
- The roof of the North facing dormer is built with a pitched roof, which is not approved, and not showing on the new proposed drawings (shown as flat)
- A fat black protuberant pipe on top of the North facing dormer is built and not shown on the new proposed drawings
- The splay in the roof identified in the Conservation Area Appraisal is not respected, further enlarging the volume of the roof
- The width of the bottom of the roof is larger than originally approved (and is built as such)
- The bottom of the roof went up by 3 courses of bricks, which does not seem to be accurately shown on the new proposed plans

All the issues above have a cumulative effect and contribute to the harm caused to us. Before the building work, our outlook on the neighbour's house was bland (just a wall, with lower roof and no dormer or windows or pipes), and it is now turned into an oversized and unsightly overbearing structure. All our visitors have been struck by the very invasive effect resulting from the building works.

We find it difficult to imagine that it is the norm to build as a 'fait accompli' something that is different from the approved plans. Also difficult to comprehend is the submission of new 'as built' plans that are different in a

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				many ways from the reality. This does not feel right and should not be the way things are done. Allowing this to happen would in our view set precedents, which we believe is contrary to the interests of the community.
