

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/3470/P	Egan Warner	26/10/2020 20:54:10	COMMNT	<p>We write in the context of this being a retrospective planning application, and are therefore commenting on the final effects of this installation - which we were most surprised to discover on returning to our flat after an enforced period away during lockdown.</p> <p>Whilst to the eye this resembles a normal Velux skylight, we note from the application that it is described as an AOV window. We would ask that Camden planning officers verify this - as the internal photographs in the application do not show the wiring, motor or hardware of the technical spec sheet provided with the application. We note that the property has a flat roof above the pitch and question why placing the window on the pitched roof directly adjacent to our roof terrace and entrance to our bedroom was deemed necessary.</p> <p>We note that the dimensions of the window are not given in the application, and they appear to exceed those allowed by the conservation rules of the area. (Having recently been granted permission for two small skylights on our property we are aware of these regulations.) We don't believe adding a fake conservation style bar down the middle of a modern Velux window meets conservation regulations.</p> <p>We note from the application that the window will only open for testing or when automatically triggered by smoke. We would ask Camden to confirm that it cannot be opened manually, as our experience has been of people standing on the landing at the top of the stairs looking directly across at our terrace and bedroom through the open "AOV" window.</p> <p>While the recent addition of a transparency film has stopped both parties from clearly seeing each other - we are now suffering from a huge amount of light spill and light pollution - and as this window is placed over a hallway, the light is often left on in the evenings and late into night. To this point, if Camden are minded to grant permission for this retrospective application, we would urge the inclusion of a condition that permanent black out material be laid over the glass.</p> <p>We are surprised a Building Control Inspector would recommend an AOV in an upper level single flat - but if it is deemed necessary - we would like to know why it has not been placed on the flat roof above where it would not affect the residents of adjacent properties.</p> <p>We purchased our Flat including the roof terrace of 28 Well Walk in early 2020 after extensive searches, and of course - there was no application for the "AOV" in the roof opposite. If there had been a proper application since our purchase, we would have objected strongly and pointed out the alternative location on the flat roof of the property. The new 'illegal' window adversely affects the aesthetic and privacy of our choice and we strongly object to this retrospective application on the grounds of privacy and light pollution.</p>
