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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please could you confirm my recently sent email, concerning a request for two amendments to be made in connection with Case No: 2020/5344/P. It contains the following message:

Response to Application for alterations to No 5 Regent's Park Terrace. Case No. 2020/5344/P

This response comes from the two residents at 70 Gloucester Crescent. Our house is the final one in the crescent, in the north-west corner, where the curve in the Crescent brings our house in very close proximity to No 5 Regent's Park Terrace, our gardens backing on to each other.

We respect the amount of thought, consideration and care for the building's age and style that has gone into this application. Much that is proposed is a definite improvement on its current state. But we have two concerns.

It is proposed to add a utility room on part of the roof of the existing 'closet' extension. Although this will not be very different to the height at this level of No 6 Regent Park Crescent, it will have more effect on No 70 Gloucester Crescent owing to the greater proximity between our two houses and our privacy will be compromised. We would request reconsideration of this addition, in the hope that space for a utility room can be found elsewhere. We notice that it is not shown at all on the pre-planning elevation drawing and may have escaped proper attention from the planning department.

Secondly, the glazed two-storey extension at basement and ground-floor level. Even if this is to be set back a little it will still present a glaring amount of glass across two storeys. It is pointed out that among the extensions further down the terrace there are two glazed two storey extensions which establish a precedent for this. The problem here is that the larger of these is like a great wound in the Terrace. Regent's Park Terrace is one of the most dignified and prestigious Georgian terraces in the Camden area, and such over-bearing glass extensions, which destroy the sense of the proportions inherent in the architecture, will dis-educate future generations as to what the back of Georgian terraces should look like.

The proposal for No 5 is that a design by Crittall Windows should be used for their glazed two-storey extension. There is much to admire in the history of Crittall Windows, especially in relation to modern architecture, but to impose this style of fenestration on the back of magnificent, noble, Georgian terraced house, such as this is, is a ghastly, misguided mistake.

We request reconsideration of this two-storey glazed extension. The current design is not only unsympathetic to the house but would act as an eyesore for residents in No 70 Gloucester, owing to height and amount of glass and the glare it will create. The loss of privacy is also a serious concern owing to the proximity of the two houses. For these reasons we would like to invite the Camden Planning Committee and

the new owners of No 5 Regent's Park Crescent to visit 70 Gloucester Crescent, so that all can view from within No 70 the close spatial relationship between the two homes and the view across from No 70 of the back elevation of No 5 Regent's Park Terrace.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: 18th February 2021