

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/0101/P	Stephen Grosz	17/03/2021 21:24:13	OBJ	<p>I am writing to object to this Planning Application on three grounds.</p> <p>First, light pollution from the new roof lantern, or skylights. At night, when the interior lights of the restaurant are on, bright light is thrown upwards onto the nearby buildings, and into the area above the restaurant. This light is visible from a number of nearby homes. The skylights were put in without planning permission radically changing, spoiling, the feel of the area behind the restaurant at night. This is a Conservation Area. It is scandalous that this alteration was made without consultation.</p> <p>Second, noise pollution from the new condenser unit on the roof. The Noise Assessment Report seems inadequate. At night, in Downshire Hill, we have been able to hear the noise of the new condenser unit. This was installed like the skylights without planning permission.</p> <p>Third, the condenser unit, and the new roof lantern are visible from our home in Downshire Hill and seem wholly incongruous in this Conservation Area.</p> <p>Remarkably, these radical changes were undertaken and completed without planning permission. There was no discussion with neighbours or consideration of the effect of these alterations on this unique conservation area.</p>
2021/0101/P	Darian Leader	17/03/2021 13:55:42	COMMNT	<p>The vents on the rear roof at this address were frequently the subject of residents complaints when it was operated by Carluccios, and required repair about twice per year to reduce noise. Now a whole set of new vents have been added, with condenser units and a large fan vent which was not there previously. All this work was carried out without planning permission, and one can wonder why this was not sought. The vent noises are clearly audible in neighbouring properties and can be heard by us and by other residents. They were intrusive prior to the restaurant opening when the kitchen was being tried out. The noise report which was carried out in December does not seem reliable as, firstly, it was not conducted by the Council, and secondly because the restaurant was not functioning in normal circumstances due to the pandemic restrictions. It does not seem realistic to claim that ordinary noise levels were there when it was being tested in December, as this goes against our own experience of the noise. In addition, the roof lantern is directly visible in neighbouring properties and the further changes to the rear elevation are not compatible with the conservation area. Note also that the Council's rejection of their application re illuminated signage has been ignored and they are still using it.</p>