

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/2478/P	Angela Macfarlane	16/07/2021 13:22:01	OBJ	<p>Whilst on paper the plans for this application for demolition and new building across the balcony look harmless, there are very serious issues of loss of light, privacy and overbuilding as far as our house, No. 17 is concerned.</p> <p>The end of our garden backs onto the side of the end house of Chamberlain Street. The right hand side of our garden (party wall with No. 18) is cut off from light by the angle of the extension to the Chamberlain Street house. The ambient light source coming down the gardens of Ainger Road has been considerably reduced by the present conservatory and electric light is needed in our basement (garden level) at all times of the day as a result.</p> <p>This proposed development will create a solid block along the whole width of the rear of No. 18 with windows that will look into our garden. The increased height of a new brick wall on the party wall by a good metre will create an overbearing solid structure from its top to our garden level blocking even more light and creating a very shut in space on our side. Measurements are difficult to ascertain on the plans shown on the application, but it looks as if the wall will reach at least to the apex of the original conservatory of our house - which we did not demolish - and shade both it and the main room on the raised ground floor level. Please note that our house is lower down the hill, so the height difference is exacerbated. I understand from the plans there is no fire suppression system to be provided.</p> <p>We oppose the inclusion of an external staircase on two grounds. It will overlook our garden directly and reduce our privacy and secondly it will be yet another structure obstructing our light source. Access, ensuring our privacy, can surely be obtained from garden level which would maximise their outdoor space.</p> <p>We have suffered a huge loss of light from the unrestricted growth in height and spread of the birch tree in the garden of No. 18, so if a staircase and a solid building are permitted to be added along this perimeter, we shall have the light into our garden very seriously curtailed.</p> <p>To add an extra 7 sq. metres to a property of 131 sq. metres by these plans means a great loss of light and amenity for us, who are long term residents and owners.</p> <p>I would like to ask that a site visit be arranged because the implications of this development cannot be understood from the plans alone. The tree is a concern, too, because it was planted very close to the party wall and will eventually undermine it, as has happened to the party wall between Nos. 16 and 15 Ainger Road.</p>