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I ask that the proposed new roof for Howitt Close not be allowed. I do not agree with the Freeholder's assertion that a mansard roof to Howitt Close would help the building to contribute better to its Conservation Area. I think that the proposed new roof would cause considerable harm to the neighboring roads.

At present, Howitt Close contributes as an excellent conclusion to both Howitt Road and Glenilla Road. The architecture of Howitt Close is very much in keeping with the appearance of the houses in Howitt & Glenilla Roads. Anyone walking down either of these roads, does see both roads closed by a building which is related in its appearance to the houses in Howitt & Glenilla roads but its appearance is not identical and therefore no one is oppressed by Howitt Close. If Howitt Close becomes a taller building, then it would interfere with the Howitt and Glenilla buildings by dominating them. There is a tall apartment building in Glenilla, but this is between the residential houses and not at the end of the road and therefore it is not visible all along the road.

A further benefit of the present height of Howitt Close and its flat roof is that as anyone comes along Howitt & Glenilla, they do witness the open sky above Howitt Close. Open sky is always beautiful and it will continue to be a wonderful sight at eye level if it is not obscured by the proposed mansard roof.

I think that the present Howitt Close works as does a change of key or pitch in the playing of a music composition.

Howitt Close is a handsome building in its present appearance, as it was designed, with a flat roof and also, its height is just equal to the rainwater gutters of the Howitt & Glenilla houses. This height is ideal to close the Howitt and Glenilla roads. A mansard roof to Howitt Close would not help it to fit better with the neighboring mansards. I think that claiming that a Mansard would help, is just to increase the financial income to the freeholder. Surely(?) it makes no sense to create this infliction on everyone, just to create something that would be ugly and unnecessary.

Please, Kate Henry, let me inform you that I wholly agree with the comments of mrs. & mr. McFall, mr. Guestnot, Councillor Adams. I have no reservations to their objections but I wanted to remind everyone what a help it is to see the sky without having to crane upwards ones neck.

Several people who do not live in Belsize have told me that they very much enjoy seeing Howitt Close.