

Objections to proposed works at 36, Camden Square

RE PLANNING APPLICATION: 2021/5437/P.

There are several reasons why I, as a resident and owner of the top floor flat of 37, Camden Square, feel I must vigorously oppose the planned renovations at 36, Camden Square.

1). The extension would not be in sympathy or symmetry with the existing buildings in Camden Square. It is a Conservation Area and as such should be preserved as originally designed.
The original buildings were built as pairs with a specific symmetry of design, creating space between them.
The proposed side extension will entirely change the intended design of the Victorian Square.

2). There would be significant loss of light and loss of space for no.37 and indeed for the entire Square.
When the sun shines, light pours between the two buildings and into Camden Square; it's a very attractive feature that would be lost entirely should the development go ahead.

3). Subsidence risk:

Camden Square is built on clay. In addition the Square slopes from North East to South West. And thirdly, there is a large railway tunnel running beneath the Square.
These several factors predispose to, and indeed have led to, subsidence issues; particularly at the South West corner of the Square; predominantly when new building work has taken place e.g. the Irish Centre and number 54.

4). Disruption.

The works are likely to take at least twelve months. During this time there will be scaffolding on our land; there will be noise, dust and dirt.
As [REDACTED] working unsocial hours I do not relish the prospect of trying to sleep through this!

5). Old Victorian drains.

The side extension will necessitate digging new foundations. This will impact upon the already very precarious and often malodorous Victorian drainage system that runs directly beneath where the foundations would need to be dug!

For these reasons I cannot support the planned side extension as we feel very strongly that it will impact very significantly upon not just number 37, but the entire Square.

All in all I am horrified by the proposed alterations at 36, Camden Square as well as being perplexed that anyone would buy such an elegant Victorian town house and then wish to alter the building in such a barbaric way.

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