Comments on application 021/5573/P Roof terrace at the rear of Flat B, 8 Orde Hall Street London WC1N 3JW

From Bloomsbury CAAC

We discussed this application at our meeting on 20 December.

I am sorry that these comments have been delayed.

The application was made by the BCAAC chair, Hugh Cullum, and so our comments, while well-informed, cannot be considered wholly independent.

We gathered from Hugh that the roof over the room on top of which the terrace is proposed needs rebuilding. As this room apparently currently has a ceiling height which is more than average, in order to reduce overlooking and to minimize the amount of hoarding which would be required around the terrace, we ask that the applicant is required to lower the roof/ceiling height.

If the existing exterior brick walls are in the meantime left unaltered they will provide a more substantial parapet for the roof terrace and reduce the need for glass or other modern material.

Hero Granger-Taylor, Committee member,

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