

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/2445/P	C.E.Mohr	04/08/2022 11:23:03	OBJ	<p>I also object to the erection of a first-floor rear balcony, and for the same reasons. It would [REDACTED] residents of the mews have historically enjoyed, and setting a new and dangerous precedent.</p> <p>The access statement claims, quite misleadingly, that "Roof terraces ... are a common characteristic of the properties in this area." That may be true of the tall Victorian houses in Goldhurst Terrace, but it is not true of Fairfax Place - tellingly, the only one shown in the statement is at No 31, and that (however unwelcome) is completely different: the French windows are set well back into the roof and the narrow balcony is in line with the roofline.</p> <p>This does not appear to be a precedent for the proposed balcony, which is many times larger and projects well into the garden, effectively providing an ample viewing platform over the adjoining ones, as well as space for socialising. The glazed screen may give the users privacy, but it isn't nearly high enough to shield their neighbours from observation or noise from above.</p> <p>The small outdoor spaces in Fairfax Place are an extremely precious amenity, and some of us have benefited for over half a century from the seclusion they afford. The ability to continue to do so must be firmly protected, for the sake of our mental health as well as our physical well-being.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the proposed balcony is insensitive to and incompatible with these needs. It can only be realised at the expense of [REDACTED] and, if it went ahead, would lead to a spate of similar developments irreversibly detrimental to the communal quality of life. For these reasons, I trust that the planning committee will not allow it.</p>
