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2022/3361/P	R Shopfer	18/09/2022 14:58:45	ОВЈ	I wish to object to planning application 202/3361/P, submitted for 37 Platt's Lane, London NW3.
				This application is an exact resubmission of 2019/1110/P, which was granted on 02/09/2019. It is my understanding that any permission under 2019/1110/P has lapsed by today (18/09/2022), as the three-year period has been passed without that work detailed under the application has not started.
				The application documents states that this for an enlargement of Upper Ground Floor Rear Conservatory. In my view this cannot be factually correct. In my view the application concerns the first floor flat. This is a material difference, see below.
				I further think that the application is materially flawed and deficient. The proposed drawings (including the most recently amended one) do not show any separation, such as a wall or a door, between the living room and the applied-for structure.
				Therefore, and according to my reading of the legal definitions, the applied-for structure does not meet the criteria for conservatory.
				The presentation of this building is unusual in that its rear if fully visible for, i.e. not shielded from, the public. I attach a photo taken from the public footpath in front of 1 Briardale Gardens. Therefore when this application is evaluated the criteria relevant for alterations to the front should be taken into account. I would suspect that an alteration as the proposed one would be deemed unacceptable to a front of the building in this Conservation Area.
				[Photo to be inserted here, available at https://up.picr.de/43786757am.jpg]

The existing smaller conservatory is an added visual feature that is not typical of the Quennell houses of 29-39 Platt's Lane (Redington Frognal CA statement p11). The proposed larger structure would make this an even more prominent feature, given its elevated location (First floor, not Upper Ground Floor). The existing unsympathetic design should not be used as justification in principle for the proposed extension.

The proposed extension is to fully glazed structure on all surfaces. This makes overlooking of the immediately adjoining properties a major problem.

More recently, and in particular since 2019, sustainability considerations have become a major aspect of policy consideration in London and elsewhere. The erection of a glazed extension is by the physical nature of glazing, even if the highest specifications are used) which would not be lightweight anymore), always linked with an increased heat demand compared to brick extensions that meet building regulations. The heat loss is proportional to the exposed surface of the extension, and the extension has 4 out of 6 surfaces exposed, and with a very unfavorable exposed surface to volume ration.

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(i.e. even higher above ground), which has a number of implications:

Camden Planning Guidance (CPG) (March 2019) "Altering and extending your home" section 3 should be carefully considered.

Para 3.3: "Single story ground floor extension is generally preferable." The application is for an extension of the second level.

"In cases where a higher extension is found to be appropriate, a smaller footprint will generally be required". The application for a larger footprint.

Para 3.3 further discourages strongly extensions that are higher than one full story.

Para 3.4 mandates that a rear extension should be designed so that it is not visible from the street. The proposed rear extension will be easily visible from the street, and without obstruction.

Camden Planning Guidance (CPG) "Amenity" (the current version online is from January 2021) gives specific guidance when it comes to "Overlooking and privacy" in para 2.2 and 2.3 . The proposal will cause direct overlooking of adjacent gardens (in particular Platts Lane 35 and 39. Equally, if not more intrusive, the application will lead to substantially larger overlooking of the communal garden of all the other flats of Platts Lane 37. The increased depths and with of the proposed extension will increases the overlooking angels and areas.