

Subject:

Objection to Planning Application 2022/3234/P: 8A Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3 2PL.

Dear Planning Officer:

I would like to object -- again -- to the proposed "lightbox" included in the above referenced planning application which was recently registered for public consultation. The proposed glass extension on the fourth floor should be rejected.

I am a near neighbour to the property and know that there is strong opposition to the proposal although there is some confusion as to how this application relates to the original application.

Nevertheless, I want to register my objection once again for the following reasons:

- -- The "glass extension" is in fact an extension of the existing fourth floor room almost all the way to the road frontage and appears bulky and boxy, even for the structure on which it would sit. The extension of the body of the fourth floor all the way to the front of the property as proposed would cause massing at the front of the building which was rejected by the Council in the 1970's when the original works were done. This would also have the effect of diminishing the light to the neighbouring properties and causing severe overlooking to those across the road and next door, diminishing their privacy;
- -- The impact from light pollution from the structure would be dramatic and negative: When illuminated at night the structure would essentially act as a lighthouse and would be visible from distant parts of London, creating a beacon effect which would be entirely inappropriate in the setting;
- -- The enclosure of patios and terraces is generally not considered acceptable in this Conservation Area, in particular where the effect would be to reduce open space and cause overlooking to other homes. Allowing this lightbox to be created would set an awful precedent and no doubt increase the number of applications to do similar works in the area and across the borough.

I would respectfully request that this element of the application be rejected.

Kind regards.

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