

Proposed works: Ref: 2022/3357/P (28, Parliament Hill, Lower Ground Floor Flat).

Objection from Anthony Rothon of Flat 4, Oakford Court, 2, Nassington Road, NW3 2UE

Objection by Anthony Rothon, freeholder of Oakford Court (including surrounding walls and gardens), to proposals by Mr. N. Norden (contractor), to develop neighbouring garage, the property of 28, Parliament Hill, Lower Ground Floor Flat.

See below photo of neighbouring garage, the end one of three, the roof covered with red creeping ivy, or similar. This is the garage for which development is planned.

Just to the right of the lamp post in the middle of the photograph please note the pillar, and boundary wall, belonging to Oakford Court. On the Oakford Court side of the boundary wall, which itself is covered with variegated ivy, is the raised bed of the garden belonging to Oakford Court. This raised bed is planted with mature shrubs, two exquisite rose bushes, a small flowering cherry tree, various herbs, a Fuschia bush etc.

It is tended regularly and, if the regular comments from passers by are anything to go by, is valued by the local community.

This part of the Oakford Court garden Mr. Norden had dubbed, in his application to you,

"a public planter". This is entirely inaccurate and is a potentially misleading description.

The point seems to be Mr.Norden's desire to include the pillar, (centre of photograph), in his enlarged garage. Inclusion of this part of our garden wall in his development is the thing all at Oakford Court object to.

The third photograph shows a close up of the garden wall pillar in question. As you will see it is made of the same brick as the rest of Oakford Court. The size, height and position balance the pillar on the other side of Oakford Court garden and forecourt.

You will be able to see the beginnings of the damage to the pillar, now quite substantial, inflicted by Mr. Norden's builders. I personally saw one of the builders with his arms around the pillar, both feet braced against it. I can only assume that he was trying to pull it down, and this acrobatic feat was repeated three times.

Please note on Mr. Norden's plans that the central line along the length of the boundary wall leading to the pillar in question swerves to take in the pillar. Drawn straight, and truthfully, almost all of the pillar in question remains on the Oakford Court side.

Please also note the confusing elevation drawing, which appears to show our pillar standing untouched beside the proposed elevation. We know that Mr. Norden plans to raise the height of the pillar, and include it in the structure of the proposed enlarged garage. This is precisely the matter to which I most strongly object.







