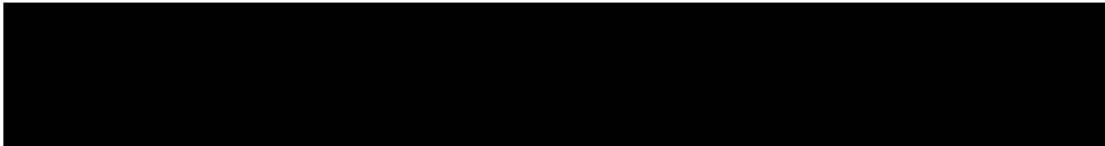




**Subject:** Planning Application 2022/3357/P



Dear Sir,

These photographs relate to the work of construction, already well advanced, in the neighbouring garden, the level of which is 2m+ above the level of our garden, at Oakford Court.

Our open-work concrete beam terracing, pictured here, has served its purpose (containing the ground above) for 35 years or more. There is a worry, however, that terracing such as ours will not hold back the added weight of the new construction for which planning consent has not been sought. Our worries are increased by the fact that the new construction has been sited not 2m. from the edge of our terracing, as per regulations, but a mere 1.45m.

This morning, after rain, I noticed that an amount of soil has been washed between the concrete beams and down into our garden. I trust that the increase in weight above, and burden on our terracing, will not contribute to an increase in this effect. I will keep a careful eye on this.

I am aware that the new building sits upon piles. (Four, I think). I did notice, while viewing the process of construction from our upper windows, that some of the weight of the flooring girders is taken by piles of bricks and blocks placed directly onto the ground.

Presumably this is well in order.

The construction of our terracing is based on gravity. I am concerned that it was not viewed by Mr. Norden before embarking on his construction project. I am certain of this as access to that part of our garden is through a locked gate. Permission to enter was not sought, or given.

Anthony Rothon





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Dear Sir,

Further information supporting our objection to planning proposal 2022/3357/P.

The attached photographs are taken at Oakford Court, the property adjacent to the garage which Mr. Norden plans to extend, using the Oakford Court boundary wall pillar as his garage doorpost.

The gardens at Oakford Court (the same beds which Mr. Norden refers to as “public planters”), are pretty and well-maintained. They are the source of much favourable comment from passers-by. The bench in front of the raised bed is often used by the elderly, and by families with young children, on their way to and from the Heath.

The arrangement of the gardens will suffer a negative effect if a tall and overbearing enlarged garage wall is allowed to be built onto the existing boundary wall. Depending on how much the enlarged garage is used, and cognisant of the fact that it is intended to house a large car, passers-by will also suffer a negative effect. (In the past 30 years the garage in question has been used infrequently).

The pillar belonging to the Oakford Court boundary wall is not only made of the brick which is used throughout the Oakford Court design, but also is echoed by a continuum of pillars of the same height and width which mark the boundaries of properties as one continues down Nassington Road. I have tried to show this in my last two photos. Incorporation of the Oakford Court pillar in the garage extension would blight the uniformity of the street design, and this in a conservation area.

The type of brick, Sand-faced Red Fletton, which Mr. Norden’s works intend to use, is close in type to the Oakford Court brick, but has no resemblance to the existing brickwork of which the three garages on which he plans to work. By building on to our wall Mr. Norden’s design will of necessity include a break in the uniformity of brick used in the three garages. This will be unattractive.

Anthony Rothon



