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Sent: 07 March 2023 09:32
To: Planning Planning
Subject: Rochester Place external planning application

I am writing to object strongly to this application.

1. The proposed two storey addition is totally out of keeping with the character and design of the mid-19th century residential properties in the Rochester Terrace Conservation Area that it immediately adjoins and within which my house is situated.
2. The proposed two new storeys would tower above properties in the conservation area, almost all of which are no more than three storeys high, and would be visible from a considerable distance throughout the surrounding area.
3. Properties adjoining 26-28 Rochester Place, and particularly those on Rochester Road, Wilmot Place and Rochester Mews will suffer serious loss of privacy, since they and their gardens will be directly overlooked by and visible from the proposed two additional storeys.
4. According to the developers, the project will reduce by almost half the sunlight they currently enjoy. This is a very serious loss of amenity.
5. The proposal for a fully glazed top floor and a "glazed lantern" on top of the building will create light pollution in the surrounding area at night and will make the proposed addition even more conspicuous and intrusive.
6. The construction of the existing building caused considerable inconvenience and anxiety to local residents. Many of the properties in the area do not have solid foundations and were exposed to potential structural damage by the powerful vibrations caused by heavy construction equipment and radiating several hundred metres from the site. The equipment also generated extremely loud noise throughout the day. It is unreasonable that residents should be expected to endure any such disturbances again in the future.

I therefore urge the Council to reject this application.