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Planning Application 2023/0603/P

Dear Mr Greenhalgh,

I am writing to object to the above application made in respect of 73 Haverstock Hill, a property

The application purports to attempt to restore the privacy of my garden and my sitting room/kitchen which has been destroyed by the recent (2022) unapproved construction of a roof terrace at that address which replaces a sloping black roof which was not accessible. The applicant's proposal involves raising by 600mm a wooden fence that belongs to my property and is no business of theirs and the installation of some zinc flower troughs on the roof terrace which could easily be removed later. Neither action will make any difference to my loss of privacy resulting from the roof terrace. I note that this application states that they sought my opinion and I would not deal with them. This is true and the reason is that I felt seriously intimidated by the freeholder, Mr Pishiris. In Jan 2022, he asked me if he could put some scaffolding on the flat roof of my passageway so as to gain access to his walls. I allowed this and suffered over 6 months of noise and chunks of bricks and debris everywhere. He arrogantly refused to make good damage to my skylight, to my paintwork or even to clean the windows. My generosity cost me a lot of money.

Fundamentally it appears to me that the freeholder concerned is using this application as a sham to cover the fact that the creation of the roof terrace should have required planning consent which I believe should not have been given. Once this application is dealt with he will have all the evidence he needs for the existence of his, otherwise illegal, terrace.

I made a complaint to my local Councillor, Rebecca Filer, in December 2022 that the owner of that property had recently erected a roof terrace overlooking my garden. This new terrace destroyed the privacy of my garden and risked creating further noise nuisance to add to the extraction fans from the kitchens in the same building. At that time my complaint was dismissed by Ms Elizabeth Beaumont who explained, to Councillor Filer, that planning consent was not needed because no new access had been created and the roof terrace was not new, having been shown on plans submitted to the council in 2021.

Sadly this is not a true reflection of the real position. The original roof concerned was a black sloping roof with a window behind and slightly above it. There was no access or scope to use the roof to stand on. The fact that a plan shown to the Council included a roof terrace simply demonstrates that the freeholder understood the value of a roof terrace so had one drawn in. The true position is perfectly obvious from pictures on google earth and even from the aerial picture in this current application. I assume that the Council has better aerial pictures that should make this even more obvious. I attach a picture of the sloping roof from my garden and from google earth.

When I last discussed the position of both the roof terrace and the very noisy and aesthetically ghastly extractor system in the same building with a council officer, I was told that they would have to be the subject of a retrospective planning application which would be likely to be refused.

I am now therefore concerned that the council's planning processes are being circumvented by a devious attempt to pretend that they can avoid the need for a planning application by pretending that they only need to respond to the loss of my privacy.

Yours sincerely,

Viviane Stevens