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By email only
Dear Mr Lau,
RE: Planning Application Reference HGY/2015/2076 – 38 Stormont Road, N6 4NP

On behalf of the Highgate Society, I am writing to object to the above application for permission to introduce a first floor balcony, on the grounds that it will lead to a significant degree of overlooking into the rear gardens of the adjacent properties and consequent loss of privacy and amenity.

- As part of your recommendation to grant permission to HGY/2014/2759 at this address, you specified a condition that a number of the flank and rear windows be filled with obscure glazing and fixed closed in perpetuity. This was in order to prevent unacceptable overlooking issues as stipulated by SP11 and UD3. The current proposals would render those conditions ineffective, as the balcony's position, size and prospects allow for direct and extensive views into the neighbouring properties from essentially the same vantage point as the windows in the new projecting wing which are subject to the restrictions.
- The owners of the adjoining properties have repeatedly called attention to the growing loss of their privacy and amenity through the many alterations and amendments which have been permitted as part of this very long-running development. They have also identified their concerns over the temporary nature of those safeguards which have been implemented, such as the obscure glazing and fixed closures. This balcony seeks to obviate the conditions imposed on adjacent windows in a manner which not only contravenes the relevant planning policies but also confirms those stated anxieties. We submit therefore that the application must be rejected.

Yours sincerely,
TR Blackshaw
Highgate Society Planning Group

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