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For the attention of Claragh McSweeney

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Dear Ms. McSweeney

Ref 11/04306/FULL
9 Gayfere Street, London SW1P 3HN

Installation of new metal staircase leading from third floor to roof level and installation of new window to ensuite at third floor level. Retention of existing roof terrace as outdoor amenity space.

Thank you for sending a copy of the planning application, along with your letter dated 16th June 2011. We have considered the drawings and spoken with the adjoining resident. We make the following observations, as there are legitimate grounds for concern which should be taken into account.

The proposals are likely to affect the adjoining dwelling by this change of access, it becoming much more readily available for use by the occupants. It should be appreciated that the metal staircase is within a confined area which would amplify the noise created at times of use, especially if hard soled shoes were used.

The description 'outdoor amenity space' could be construed as it being contemplated for much greater use than in the past - because access is much easier. The potential for disturbance and even nuisance, is increased. The issue surrounds the applicant and subsequent occupiers wishing to use the space and the access to the roof without due consideration: and at times or in a manner which would be likely to cause a disturbance.

The situation therefore is to ensure that the applicant or occupants will at all times behave with due consideration and at times which were not likely to cause disturbance nor nuisance to the adjoining residents. We therefore suggest that if the application were to be granted a suitable caveat and condition should be applied for the future .

We trust our observations and comments will be of assistance and ask that our comments be made known to the Committee.

Yours Sincerely
for and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

PP Tom Ball

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