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Dear Mr Porter,

I am writing to you in connection with the proposed development of 12 Queens Place, namely the addition of a full width dormer to the roof at the rear (notice applied to garden tree on 10 November).

I feel that I cannot support - or even accept - the proposal for the following reasons: As I find the prospect of such a dominant, ugly construction completely out of character with the hitherto small, 150-year-old terraced cottages in Queens Place is It is, after all, a Conservation Area. Number 12 already has 3 storeys (plus an added conservatory) and stands, along with number 11, higher than any other building in the street. The proposed dormer - as well as most of the ones that have already somehow been approved - appears to be a very basic, dark, up-and-over construction which will overlook all of the small neighbouring rear gardens, including ours at number 14. The properties are small and our loss of privacy would be most welcome.

Fortunately my home is not immediately adjacent to where the modification would be carried out, but note, with dismay, that one or two of these dormers have been built since the area was designated for conservation! I understand that objections to a recent similar development at number 7 were not raised in time. I happen to know that (as a member of the Queens Place Residents Association) the disruption and damage incurred, during the conversion, by neighbours to the fragile fabric of these delightful traditional properties, during the conversion, was considerable - verging on the unbearable! The owners now deeply regret not having opposed the development. I am therefore objecting strongly to the spread of these constructions along Queens Place.

In addition, if the property at number 12 were to be extended as proposed, it is more than likely that the number of adult occupants - with cars - will increase, putting even greater pressure on the parking situation, of which I am sure the Council is aware.

Finally I wonder whether, as part of a simpler loft conversion (a rather more acceptable proposal), a simple velux window (with a view to the sky), or perhaps even a narrow (central?) dormer could be considered as a compromise.

Would it be possible to meet you in person, perhaps with other neihbours of like mind, to talk more about our options?

Yours Sincerely,

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