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7th February 2008 For the attention of Mr Stewart Walker Our Ref: 721/F002

Dear Mr Walker,

44 Cumnor Hill, Oxford OX2 9HB - Extension and Alterations

Further to your recent call please find enclosed 2no. copies of revised drawings numbered 721/Work/AL02a, AL03a, AL05a & SL01a.

As requested we have now shown the extension to the rear set in 300mm back from the line of the existing ground floor extension with the extension at second floor level set a further 2250mm back from this point. Also the ridge lines of both the garage and main roofs have been lowered.

These measures further reduce any potential impact on neighbouring properties, particularly no.42 Cumnor Hill.

Whereas we feel the original proposals did not constitute an overbearing development we have considered these amended proposals with the British Research Establishment (BRE) publication 'Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight – A Guide to Good Practice' to conclude this scheme is 'unlikely to have a substantial effect on diffuse skylight enjoyed by the existing building' (i.e. no.42). This is on the understanding that the line between the uppermost ridge line of the extension and the centre of the conservatory glazing of no.42 facing our site is less than 25 degrees. Also, on plan even the proposed ground floor extension does not intersect a 45 degree line taken from the nearest window of no.42. Regardless of the above, there is a substantial screen of tall evergreen trees and shrubs in the grounds of no.42 on the boundary with no.44 which would effectively obscure much of the proposed extension.

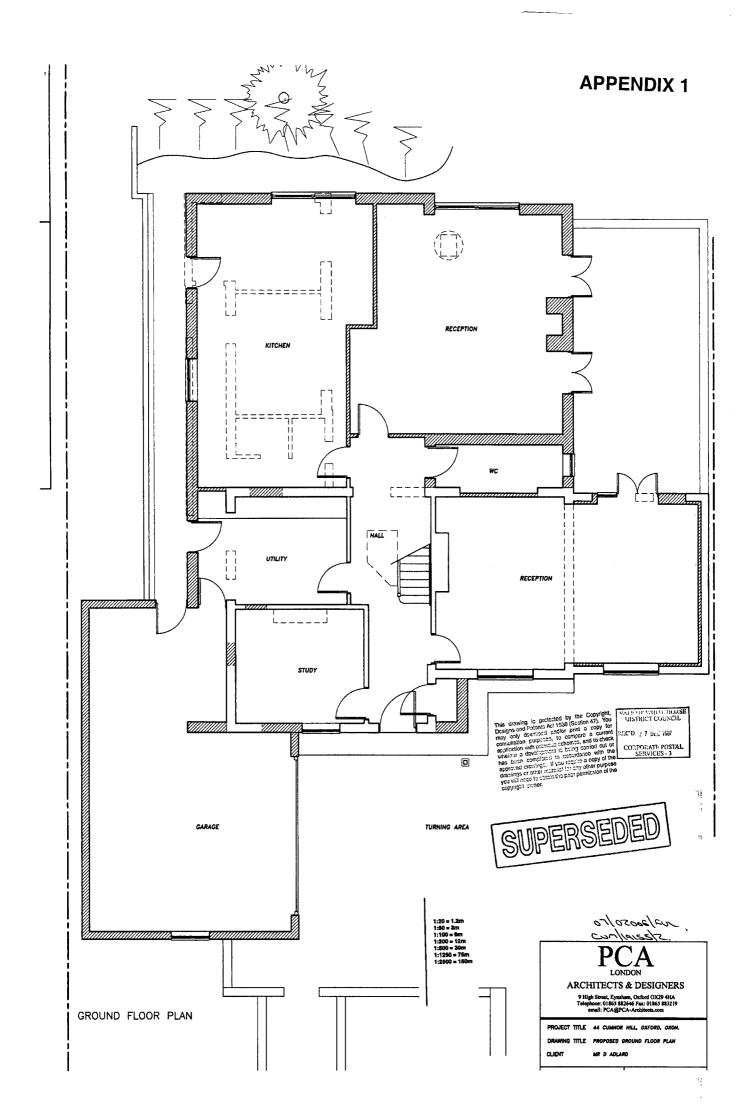
With our site being a storey height lower and to the north-east of no.46 Cumnor Hill we feel our proposals have little effect on this property.

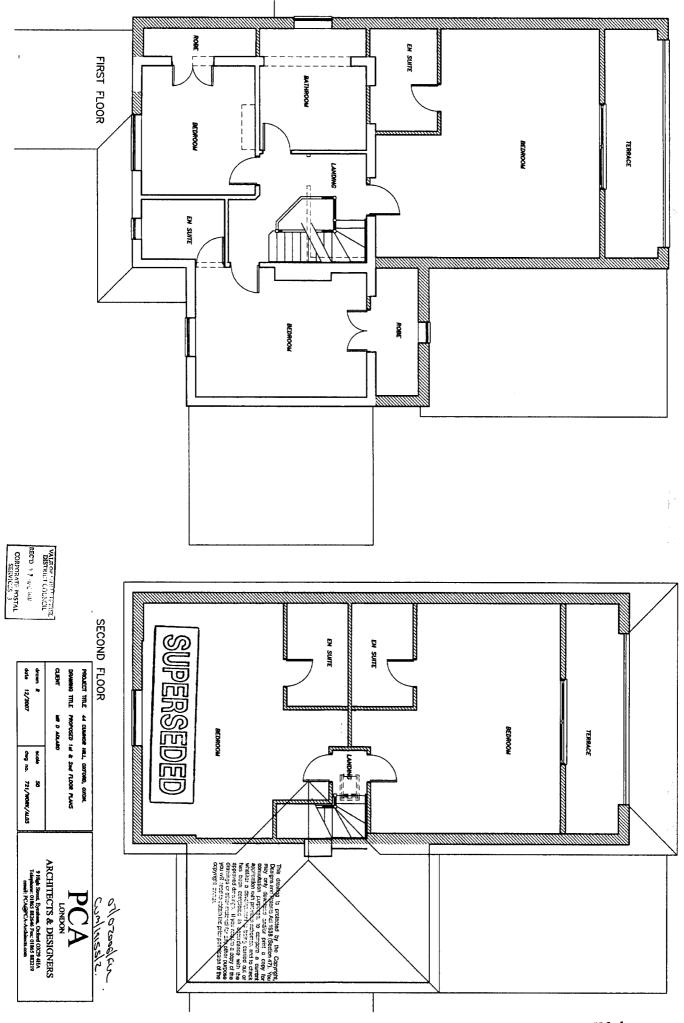
I trust these revised proposals are to your satisfaction and you can now support the application.

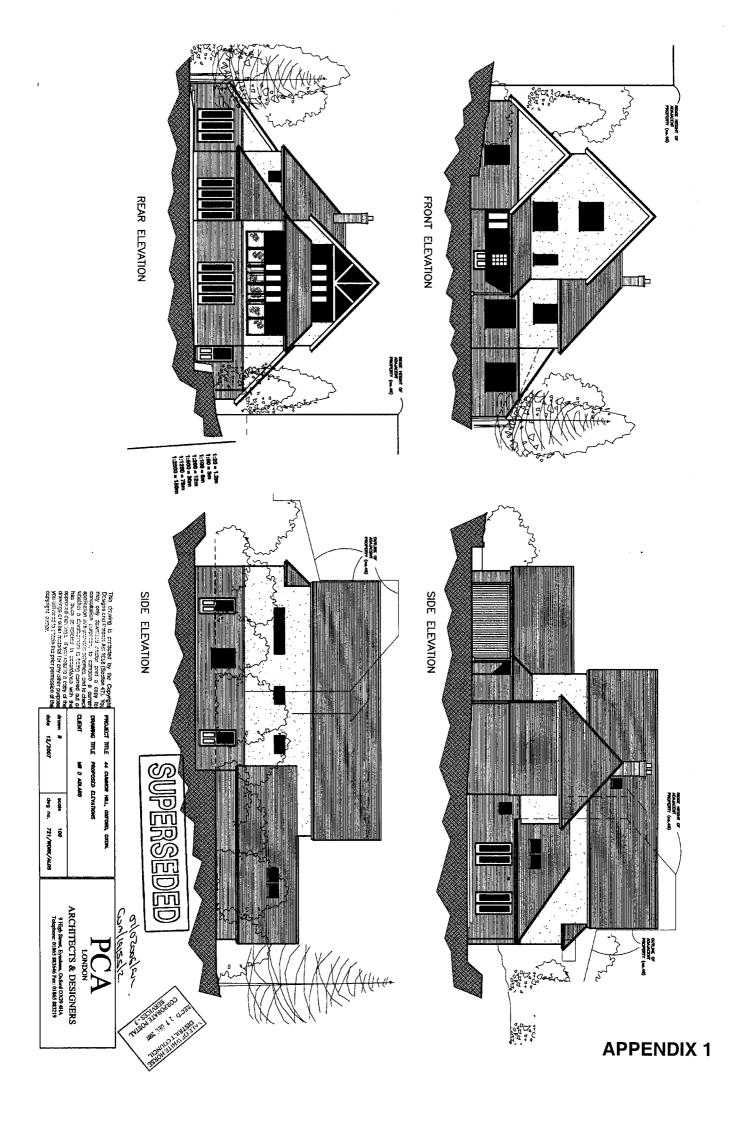


APPENDIX 1

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The observations of Cumnor Parish Council.

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE FORM

Register No.	07/02006/FUL	Officer:	Mr Stuart Walker Yes		
Application Number:	CUM/19155/2	Amended plans:			
Address of Proposal:	44 Cumnor Hill, Oxfo	ord, Oxon, OX2 9HB			
Proposal:	Demolition of existing rear extension. Loft conversion and construct rear, side and front extensions to form additional habitable accommodation and a double garage. Convert existing garage structure to form dining room with new roof.				
-		y reflects your views on this a is requested, using a separate	pplication by ticking <u>one</u> box sheet if required.		
Fully su	pport for the following	g reasons:			
2.	·				
No obje	ctions.				
Do not o	object but request the fo	following issues be given cons	ideration:		
4. Object f	for the following reason	ns:			
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A stream runs through the front garden and along the boundary with No 42 Cumnor Hill. It carries surface run-off during times of heavy rainfall and should be left open. The gardens of No 42 are already boggy and this problem could worsen if measures are not taken regarding surface water run-off. The Council previously commented that there were concerns regarding subsidence of the foundations of the proposed building as a lean-to garage on the site previously collapsed into the garden of No 42.

The front garden has been concreted over exacerbating the problems regarding surface water runoff. There is likely to be insufficient area to manoeuvre vehicles and for car parking if the extended garage were to be permitted.

The access and egress is already difficult due to the steepness of the drive and the District Council should note that delivery vehicles have difficulty accessing the site and park on the Hill. There is an active badger sett in the gardens of Nos 44 and 46 Cumnor Hill. Before any construction takes place on the site measures should be taken so that the badgers are not disturbed in any way.

The Council's previous objections dated 5 February annexed to this form are still relevant.

Signed by ... J B Bock...... Dated 4 March 2008 Clerk to Cumnor Parish Council

APPENDIX 2



APPENDIX 3

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3.	Do not object but request the following issues be given consideration:							
4.	✓ Object	for the following re	easons:					
Neighbourliness. The Council believes this proposal to be unneighbourly and would un have a great impact on the residents of No 42 Cumnor Hill. The plans are misleading at disingenuous conclusions. Although the proposal is shown on the plan in context with I further up the incline of the Hill, it does not show No 42 in the same context further do Hill. The ridge height would be similar to that of No 46 sited above it and thus the proposerty would overlook and dominate No 42. Design. The proposal is for a large extension and reconstruction of the current property footprint will be more than double and the house would be much larger than neighbour properties. Due to its size and scale, the proposed house would be out of character with surrounding area and contrary to Policies DC1 and H24 of the Local Plan.								

CUM/19155/2 Annex contd.

The overall mass of the property would extend from edge to edge of the boundary site. The Council is concerned about the mass of the proposed building particularly as the new extension would overlook the garden of No 42 affecting the privacy of the occupants. The proposed balconies on the first and second storeys would look directly into the garden of No 42. The proximity of the proposed large terrace at ground floor level to No 42 would also be a source of noise disturbance. The proposal is contrary to Policy DC1. It is also contrary to Policy DC9 as it would severely affect the amount of daylight reaching No 42.

Access. There are no plans available, however it is known that the access ramp to the highway is very steep and exiting onto Cumnor Hill is hazardous.

There is very little manoeuvring space for vehicles as the proposed new garage occupies an area otherwise used as a turning space. The Council believes that these arrangements are insufficient for this large 5-bedroom house and is contrary to Policy DC5.

<u>Environment</u>. There is an active badger set on the site and no provision has been made to safeguard wildlife.

<u>Drainage</u>. There are concerns about surface water run-off resulting from the building proposals. The residents of No 42 are extremely concerned about the foundations of the proposed building being so close to their boundary. In the past a lean-to garage on the site collapsed into the garden of No 42.

A previous planning application for a smaller property – CUM/19155 - was approved on 21 July 2005 and did not cause overall concern to the neighbours.

The Council recommends that the views of other residents of Cumnor Hill should be taken into consideration.

APPENDIX 3