APPENDIX 1: COMMENTS ON OBJECTIONS

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	EXTERNAL		
1	Stroud Green Conservation Area Advisory	- The principle of building new housing in small rear gardens is unacceptable.	 As discussed above in section 'Principle of Development'
	Committee	- would establish a very regrettable precedent which would seriously compromise the unity and character of the conservation area	appearance of the Conservation Area.'
		 remaining garden to No 38 would be too small 	- Would still exceed minimum as discussed in para. 9.22
		 whether the proposed design provides sufficient amenity space 	 Would exceed minimum for 2 bed unit which is 7sqm – see para. 9.19
		 concern over effect of basement on groundwater, foundations, trees and landscaping 	
		- overlooking onto neighbouring properties	- As discussed in section 'Impact on residential amenity'
		- basement bedrooms look onto a lightwell	- It is accepted that the outlook from the basement bedrooms is limited however on balance given the size of the rooms and amount of glazing proposed it would receive an adequate level of natural light and has been successfully implemented on other similar schemes such as The

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		 wall facing Dagmar Road is over 2500mm high, which is out of character with the surrounding townscape 	discussed in section 'Design, Form and Layout.' He wall
2.	Local residents		
	Local residents	Character, Design & Form	
		- Out of character with conservation area	- As discussed above and section on 'impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area'
		- the side wall would not fully conceal the ground floor from view;	- It is accepted that the ground floor will not be fully concealed by the existing wall as the front elevation of the dwelling would extend up from that however as discussed above in the section on the 'Design, Form and Layout'
		 Integrity and sustainability of the conservation area would be very seriously undermined; 	
		- Garden grabbing;	- The site is not a protected open space and as such is considered suitable for development.
		- Unacceptable density;	- The building to plot ratio is different to other properties in the area, however the scheme works and makes efficient use of the land in addition to providing much needed housing.

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		- Ugly wall with raised height is not characteristic of area;	- The building has been re-designed using wood as its materials to soften the impact that the brick may have had so the wall remains the same height
		- Out of character with Victorian terraces in the immediate neighbourhood;	- A new design building of high quality can sit alongside older buildings rather than just directly imitating earlier styles.
		- The site is neither vacant nor previously developed but reflects the HMO nature of the house and its	
		management; - Normal maintenance of property would improve situation	- Noted that this application is not the only way in improving end of this property
		- Appears as three storey;	- The dweling is two storey and height is just above the first floor window cill of No, 2 Dagmar Road. The ground floor element is higher than the more traditional height of other ground floors in the area however this allows for high level windows.
		- Local design precedent misleads	- This comment is noted and it is appreciated that there are differences in the examples put forward by the applicant to the proposal here. Noted that Denton Road application is not in a Conservation Area. The application here has been considered on its own merits.
		 Development is too large for such a small site and would appear cramped; 	- The dwelling is set away from both side boundaries with a gaps of 1.35m to No. 2 Dagmar Road and between 4.32m and 11.12m from the rear elevations of No. 38 Oakfield Road. With this space between existing built form the dwelling will not appear unduly cramped
			- It does not follow the building line of the properties along

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		- Does not follow building line;	Dagmar Road but it does reference the building line of 38 Oakfield Road and its existing boundary wall along Dagmar Road. If there is scope not to follow an established building line then this can be considered.
		 Loss of open aspect to the approach to Dagmar Road; Development would cram a jarringly modern house between two Victorian houses of architectural merit; Not a diverse mix of building types and would stick out like a sore thumb; Drawings create an illusion of open spaces at the rear and sides of proposed building; Boundary wall is being raised significantly; Whole run of windows would be visible contrary to applicant's claim; 	 is the Light House in Fairfield Road, N8. The left hand side elevation has been revised to remove this illusion of open space as this is the gap between the proposed dwelling and No. 2 Dagmar Road. There will be more space to the side between the dwelling and No. 38 Oakfield Road.

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		Impact on Amenity - Proposed basement courtyard would not receive sufficient or direct sunlight due to orientation and higher first floor;	 See Section 6.4 Layout/standard of accommodation See Section 6.4 Layout/standard of accommodation
		 Poor access to light due to windows facing north east away from the sun; 	- The bulk of the property forward of No.2 Dagmar Road is single
		 Would interfere with daylight of No.2 Dagmar Road; 	storey level only and is not considered to result in a material loss of amenity or significantly affect the living conditions of the occupiers of that property
		- Impact on residents at No. 38 Oakfield Road;	- There will be a loss of some of the garden to that property but over 62m2 will be retained. In addition the proposed dwelling would be in excess of 4.3m from the two storey rear projection but more importantly over 11m from the main bulk of the building.
		- Loss of privacy;	- See section 6.6 Impact on residential amenity
		 Losing 25% of dwelling not acceptable especially as half is basement and ground floor hemmed in by walls; 	- The proposed dwelling is uses the space intelligently and is considered to be of a sufficient size and quality to be considered acceptable
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		 Loss of garden space to No.38 Oakfield Road resulting in inadequate size; 	over 62m2 will be retained.
		 Current view into site of trees and shrubs replaced by intrusive house; 	- The house, given its size, design and proposed materials is not considered to be materially intrusive however it is accepted that the current open view at the rear of the garden will be lost.
		 Height of wall would negatively impact on light; 	- It is not disputed that the dwelling will not receive an excessive amount of light however, with a glazed floor forming part of the ground floor level the amount of light into the basement area is improved.
		 Would result in sense of enclosure for neighbouring occupiers; 	- The dwelling would be located at the rear of the garden of No. 38 Oakfield. It was accepted that there could be impact on neighbouring occupiers however the higher element has been moved away from the boundary with the element adjacent to the See paragraph 6.6.3
		- Would obstruct view from No. 3 Dagmar Road;	- There is no right to a view across others land.
			- There are no windows facing that property
		 No 36 would be overlooked; 	
		- Overshadowing to neighbours;	- No material level of overshadowing is expected due to size and siting of building and orientation of the building in relation to the neighbouring occupiers.
			- No evidence to demonstrate it would suffer from damp and building would benefit from an adequate level of light – see

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		 Building would suffer from damp and be dark and cramped; 	section 6.4
			- See paragraphs 6.6.4 and 6.6.5
		 Noise and disturbance from two separate outdoor entertainment spaces; 	- The building is single storey level only so the lines of sight from neighbouring dwellings would not be unacceptably compromised
		 Height of wall would negatively impact on lines of sight; 	
		- Access, Safety & Parking	- The front elevation projects no further forward than the existing boundary wall so no sightlines would be infringed
		 Height of wall would negatively impact on lines of sight; 	- revised drawings have been received showing a bin store that can be accessed internally with an exterior hatch that can be opened from the street
		- Where would bins be stored;	- secure storage provided
		- Bins when left on pavement on collection days would cause significant obstacles to pedestrians, including the disabled;	
		- Environmental Issues	- Not a material planning issue
		- Noise disruption from construction	

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		works; Lose area of green space with trees and plants; 	- Not a protected area of open space. An outbuilding could be erected under residential permitted development rights which could also reduce open space.
			- the residential unit proposed accommodates 2 bedrooms so the number of occupiers is not considered excessive.
		 Gross overcrowding along with No.36 and 38 Oakfield Road being houses in multiple occupation; 	- Additional housing required in the borough – this adds to existing stock
		 Area already contains one large block of flats – this should be the limit on population pressure; 	- No objections from Thames Water and not located in a Flood Risk Area. The creation of a basement here is not considered to materially affect the water table – see section 6.9
		 Would affect drainage and water table; 	No objections from the Council's Building Control Section – see section 6.9
		 Exacerbate issue of flooding - Hydrological survey does not support reality – many adjacent properties on this side of Oakfield Road experience flooded basements after heavy rains and the development would inevitably impact on this leaving the Council open to legal action for subsequent damages; 	
		uanayes,	- This does not form a precedent – see paragraph 6.2.4

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		 Precedent of building on garden space; 	- No objections from the Council's Building Control Section – see section 6.9
		- Concern regarding structural alterations;	- No objections from the Council's Building Control Section – see section 6.9
		 Structural impact on neighbour at No.2 Dagmar Road; 	- Would be the occupiers responsibility to clear if required as it would if leaves and rubbish were on a front garden
		 Lightwell would attract leaves and rubbish; 	- No objections from the Council's Building Control Section – see section 6.9
		 Impact on foundations of terrace along Oakfield Road; 	- No objections from the Council's Building Control Section – see section 6.9
		 History of subsidence; Would involve fatal damage to mature tree outside the property 	- Response from the Council's Tree officer confirms that it is unlikely that the proposal would fatally harm the tree. It would more likely to be damaged by vehicles delivering materials to the site however this cannot be controlled by planning conditions as the tree is not within the confines of the application site.
		wall on to Dagmar Road – such trees are afforded special protection;	- planters can be inserted into the top of walls to produce plating above
		- Drawings showing hedging on top of wall surrounding the lightwell	

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		are misleading as not clear how these hedge plants can be physically located there;	- No loss of tree – green roof being provided and planting to sides
		 Loss of existing tree and be no room for trees on site; 	- Considered above and in section 6.6
		 Noise and disturbance from two separate outdoor entertainment spaces; 	- The area is not protected open space.
		 Would not reinstate much needed green space; 	