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Your ref:
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127 MAYALL ROAD, SE24 – Mansard Roof Extension:

Dear Mr Brooksbank,

Thank you for your recent letter about the above application. The Brixton Society has long supported the renovation and improvement of Victorian terrace houses like this. However, we have a few concerns about the design:

Roof Form:

We would have preferred a flat roof above the dormers, in keeping with original examples of the same age as this house, but sadly there are already examples of this inappropriate Regency roof form nearby. Even so, given the very high ridge of the new roof, it should be possible to increase the ceiling height above the oppressively low 2.18m. An internal height of 2.4m would provide more comfortable conditions for the occupants.

Rear Elevation:

The rear brick parapet is unreasonably high, blocking daylight to the lower third of the dormer windows. It should be lowered by 450 to 600mm, closer to the height of the existing front parapet, to provide similar access and daylight to the front dormer windows.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary