

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the plans for the construction at 716 Upshur St NW Washington DC 20011. The plans that I have seen indicate that the house will extend back 18 feet. I ask that it be limited to 10 feet. Such an extension from the original century-old building plan, would negatively impact the site lines in the back area and impose an undue blockage to airflow and sunlight in neighboring backyards. Further, a 3 unit conversion is too large an occupancy for the land area. The development needs to include enough parking for each unit, and with an 18 foot extension, either there will be no green space or there will not be enough parking. Street parking has already become a significant problem over the course of the 4+ years that I have owned a single family home at 7th and Upshur, and converting a single family home to support up to the families will push the parking situation over an irreversible threshold.

Additionally, in the front of the house, I object to ruining the century old roof line. These houses are some of the first constructed in the neighborhood. Any work on the front should be in keeping with the visual style and size of the original building plans.

Finally, I share my neighbor's concerns that the "letters of support" from the neighbors unconvincing. They seem to all be forms distributed with minimal information to the nearby residents. In addition, the form provides no obvious mechanism for objecting. Instead, the options presented were "support" and "have no objection."

Particularly, for the neighbor whose chimney would be impacted, the notion that the neighbor supports the project simply because she assents to the developer raising her chimney to a safe height is ridiculous. I do not know if she actually supports the project, merely that, if it goes forward, she prefers not to risk having chimney fires.

Thank you,

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