

Dear Sir or Madam,

I object to the plans that I have seen 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. As an owner of a house that has no extension from the original century old building plan, I find the existing extensions ruin the site lines in the back area and impose an undue blockage to airflow and sunlight in the back yard.

Additionally, I think 3 units is too much 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.

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 find 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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