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**Subject:** FW: Planning application 13/00058

Dear Tim Hunter,

Regarding the proposal at 59 Old High Street for a loft conversion to add a bedroom in the roof, two roof lights to front slope of roof, and three dormers to the rear, the Friends of Old Headington would like to submit the following comments.

(I hope that we are still within the consultation period, but we have been unable to ascertain the closing date via the "Planning Application Search" website; I'd be grateful if you could advise for the future on where we should look.)

Concerning the proposed roof lights to the front, the Friends object to these on conservation grounds, notwithstanding that the owner is proposing conservation grade fittings. No. 59 is one of a row of attractive Victorian cottages of which the roofline is currently a single range of slate tiles.

We feel that the introduction of roof lights would not be appropriate in that context, and would set a precedent for other additions or alterations which could materially affect the quality of the street front in this stretch of the Old High Street. (Please see attached photographs pic2 and pic3; No. 59 is the second house from the right).

Concerning the proposed three dormer windows to the rear, the Friends of Old Headington appreciate the design of the pitched-roof dormers, but feel that the proposed development would balance better with the existing extensions to no. 57 next door if the central dormer were omitted. (Attached photograph pic1 shows the busy appearance of the back of this section of the row of cottages; no. 59 is the second from the left).

If the central dormer were omitted, there would still be one dormer to light the stair and one to light the bedroom, which in a small cottage such as this should be adequate for lighting, and would be a better fit architecturally, and more in keeping with the conservation area.

Please note that I can only attach one image at a time, owing to size constraints; there are two more images to follow.

Yours sincerely,

Veronica Hurst (Committee member)

On behalf of the Friends of Old Headington