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Sent:05 July 2023 13:22To:Planning Planning

Subject: Objection to application 2023/2258/P

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to the planning application for number 20 Crediton Hill, NW6 - 2023/2258/P

I live at number 30, which is two buildings up the street from the proposed development.

I attended a briefing that the new owners arranged, with Savills and their architects a couple of months ago, when they outlined their proposal to us, so am fairly aware of their plans.

This scheme, I fear, sets up a dangerous precedent to building a residence at the bottom of a garden on this street. Originally this proposed site was garages, built up over time (and, as far as I am aware, without permission) into a dwelling - I think classed as a "studio". This immediately abuts the edge of the cricket ground - a ground used by South Hampstead girls school during the day as a sport's ground, and at weekend by the cricketers. I would have thought that this scheme opens itself up to Child Safeguarding issues, being completely fenestrated, and also it is in the direct line of the cricket square - opening up both issues of glare from sunlight bouncing from the fenestration into the batter's eyes, and also the building is in direct line of any driving shots - of which there are many in the game - meaning, I assume, that heavy netting would have to be erected in front of the building.

We live in a Conservation Area - I believe my neighbours were recently told by you that they could not even put solar panels on their street-facing roof. This proposed building is as out of keeping with this "Arts and Crafts" area as it is possible to imagine. As a trained architect, I have no inherent issues with modern design, but, like planting trees: the right design in the right place. This is the wrong design in the wrong place - an aluminium-clad, heavily fenestrated, block. It would fit in perfectly in Malibu, but not in our Conservation Area.

Access would be an issue as well - the drive off the street is only able to take the width of a family-sized car, thus all materials would have to be left at kerbside and taken the 20 or 30 metres down the drive. As far as I am aware, from the briefing that we had, the owners of the proposed scheme do not even have ownership (or even, I believe the Right of Access) of the forecourt in front of the proposed dwelling.

I have lived next door to two basement digs, to over three years of noisy construction - I am aware that the people who can afford now to buy in our street can also afford to have 18 months of building work prior to their moving in. I am not objecting to building work, where appropriate, but this proposed scheme is totally inappropriate however one looks at it.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration

All best wishes

Greg Wise (& Dame Emma Thompson), 30 Crediton Hill.