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I am writing as the owner, with my wife Suzanne Barber, of Sunbury.

We wish to comment on some of the assertions made by Highgate CAAC which require clarification or even rebuttal.

As the owners of Sunbury for almost 30 years, we have and will continue to endeavour to maintain the character of Fitzroy Park and Sunbury. To this end, the planning application proposals are aimed to minimise any impact from the front of the house. In fact, other than replacing the garage and side door, there is no visual impact at all. CAAC notes that they feel that the extension to the rear respects the house and its architecture.

1 The CAAC statement that the pillars and concrete beams are massively oversized leaves us confused since there are no such pillars or concrete beams. The pillars have been designed to be slender and are steel as are the beams.

2 The CAAC states that the new door to the garage is out of character with its new fashionable horizontal boarding and unbalances the facade of the house. In fact, the new garage door and side door are almost identical to the existing ones other than that the lines are horizontal rather than vertical so as to better match the appearance with the windows which are one of the main architectural features of the house.

3 The CAAC makes a point of referring to the green glazed tiles above the garage door. These tiles have long passed their useful life, being almost a century old, and have not been visible for many years as they are covered by wisteria.

4 The CAAC claims that the physical linking of the garage to the house itself closes off the view to the rear and its extensive greenery. Since the house was built, there has been a physical link to the house. More importantly, the view from the road is unchanged. There is no impact on any view.

I hope that this clarifies the position.

Yours faithfully

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