



## HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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Camden Planning Solutions Team

Re: Planning Reference 2023/3470/P, 11 Gainsborough Gardens

Dear Mr Hope,

The Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum is concerned about the proposed loss of garden space, particularly as no mitigation has been suggested for the loss of biodiversity. While the existing trees would be retained, the applicant proposes converting a large portion of the existing garden to a garden room and turning over a much larger area to paving.

The Forum is currently revising the 2018 Neighbourhood Plan, including new proposals that would require 'green' improvements in major renovations. We understand the revised Local Plan also might include new policies concerning sustainability.

The Forum supports improvements in sustainability, such as improved insulation and sustainable heating, but would recommend that the amount of paving and size of garden room be reduced, as well as mitigation measures taken to improve biodiversity. The application also should consider the view from Christchurch Hill in designing the garden room, as required in DH1 and DH2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis