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For the attention of Planning Officer Henry Yeung

Dear Sirs

This OBJECTION is submitted on behalf of CRASH (Combined Residents' Associations of South Hampstead).

a) Gated communities: CRASH remains opposed to the creation of gated developments. They became ghettos, with physical barriers preventing integration into the local community, and are antipathetic to good neighbourliness. There are always tensions involved with life in inner cities; all gates achieve is to move any problems from your doorstep to a neighbour's doorstep.

b) Traffic : Cars, perhaps just a couple, waiting at the gates for permission to enter will obstruct long delivery trucks (for M&S and other businesses) and this in turn will bring traffic on West End Lane - already heavily congested - to a standstill.

c) Crime & anti-social behaviour: Most of the problems cited in the residents' letter can quite easily be solved by enhanced security measures without the need for a gated fortress. Rising bollards would prevent speeding traffic. As Heritage Lane is a cul de sac, it must be assumed that the speeding drivers are residents - capture their reg numbers on CCTV and withdraw their parking permits.

Yours faithfully

CRASH