

For the attention of Planning Officer Connie Marinetto

Dear Sirs

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

CRASH is aware that the Fairhazel Co-operative is a good landlord and has taken trouble in the past to retain something akin to an original wall at the subject property. However, the current proposal for demolition of the wall and pier, with replacement of both by metal railings falls short. We note the examples of railings in the area but mostly they date from the era before South Hampstead was designated a conservation area. Traditionally, boundaries are marked by gates and walls, often backed by privet hedges. Railings are an alien feature, and should not be replicated.

A little further along Fairhazel Gardens there is an example how this very same problem has been tackled with success - it may even be at a Co-operative property. In this example the brick wall has been restored to its original Victorian/Edwardian pattern - with fancy brickwork - but a short section where a mature tree abuts the boundary is filled by wood palings to allow further tree growth. The same solution could be implemented at No 82 with retention of the right-hand gate pier, a short section of brick wall followed by section of wood palings with completion by a final section of brick wall. This solution would have the additional benefit of restoration of the original Victorian/Edwardian pattern of brickwork - as still exists on the left-hand side of the gate. All the other properties on the east side of this stretch of Fairhazel have the original brickwork with No 82 being an unfortunate oddity.

CRASH has been aware for some considerable time that the wall at No 82 is dangerous and in need of repair, but we would urge Camden to encourage the Applicant to submit an amended proposal in line with our suggestion.

Yours faithfully

CRASH

(the residents' association for South Hampstead)