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## Response:

I am resident of Crestview Flats and strongly object to the proposed development of the siting (and operation) of telecommunications equipment on and around the Crestview block of flats. My objections are based on the issues mentioned below:

### **Environmental Issues**

• There is concern about noise pollution. It is understood that such installations can cause appreciable noise output. This could be experienced by those walking adjacent to the building (some of the equipment is at street level) but predominantly by residents in the building. Noise vibration within the building, which due to its method of construction (un-dampened load-bearing structure with a lightweight roof), would be almost impossible to modify to counteract this expected phenomenon.

# Visual Amenity

The visual amenity of the immediate, surrounding and neighbouring areas will be severely and detrimentally affected by such an installation:

- Despite apparent re-design, the proposed installation is so prominent, both in size and scale (not necessarily made clear, or indeed evident by poorly constructed inaccurate drawings) that it will be able to be seen as an overpowering mass, by anyone adjacent to the building.
- It will offer a distracting and invasive industrial styled street-view focus when moving around the building, while both driving, cycling and walking on the surrounding streets. This would be particularly evident (and indeed dramatic) when approaching the building, being on the crest of a hill, from 3 directions (Dartmouth Park Hill, Dartmouth Park Road and Laurier Road). See also below reference to the adjacent building of particular architectural merit. The amendments to the previously refused application only serve to increase that shown before as the current application suggests antenna of twice the height.
- The view of the roof from adjacent and surrounding properties will be greatly detrimental to their owners enjoyment of the immediate tree and skylines (a particularly appreciated and valued aspect of living in this location by residents of flats and houses of differing architectural provenance and residential occupation and local residents walking eg. in Dartmouth Park)
- The delightful view of the skyline of this section of Dartmouth Park Hill from Hampstead Heath, particularly descending from Parliament Hill towards the east, would be severely and horrendously spoilt for anyone's enjoyment, both locals and visitors alike. In addition the view from any building (predominantly housing) within the same eye-line would be similarly affected.

### St Mark's Church

The different but individual styles of Crestview and St Mark's Church seen in juxtaposition from various

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aspects are a familiar and appreciated feature of the local street scene. The addition of a jagged and industrial force to feet a projection from a height some distribution of a page of the absurable value approach to the destroy the

forest of aerials projecting from a height very similar to that of the church would completely destroy the appreciation of any vista of the church, a Grade II\* listed building, in which it was seen together with Crestview.

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### Response:

Crestview 2024/5808/P Installation of telecommunication equipment on roof. Response from Dartmouth Park Road Residents Association

The siting and appearance of this proposed development are of serious concern to the Dartmouth Park Road Residents Association. In winter Crestview is clearly visible up the entire length of Dartmouth Park Road. The total height of the antennas/masts from the rooftop would be almost an additional 3 storeys (the dwellings themselves comprise 6 storeys). Additional bulky ancillary equipment includes a large hooped CAT ladder with gate leading up to join a four-sided pen of safety railings all on top of the white lift housing. Such bulk of industrial appearance would be wholly incongruous and ugly. A truly inappropriate and glaring 'emblem' for the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area and beyond.

The Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Plan 2020 places great emphasis on maintaining and enhancing the character of the area and makes clear that any development should preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the area and without causing harm to the significance of a Grade II \* listed building through an effect on its setting. Crestview is located on the crest of Dartmouth Park Hill, on the Eastern edge of the Conservation Area. Due to the DPCAAC topography this roofscape is highly visible from within and outside the conservation area. The proposed development would be quite out of character for the neighbourhood whilst also destroying and dominating the skyline. Crestview is located in a setting of listed buildings and is immediately adjacent to the Grade II\* listed St Mary Brookfield Church. It can be seen throughout the area, and from locations on Hampstead Heath itself, including from Parliament Hill. We also believe that it will significantly impact on the views from all around of the glorious St Mary Brookfield Church, designed by William Butterfield and consecrated in 1875.

The applicant states these masts are required to improve network inadequate coverage in the area. Consent was granted to Waldon (2020/2420/P) for 12 antennas and associated equipment on Grangemill House, an eight storey block on nearby Ingestre Road less than half a mile away. Yet this has not apparently been installed.

This would have provided coverage for 3G, 4G and 5G locally. The document VF 88298 Coverage plots in the Grangemill application show mobile voice efficiency in the whole of the Highgate area (Dartmouth Park) improving from rural to urban/dense urban coverage and broadband efficiency from negative/outdoors to rural/urban.

Why was this not implemented?

With the current emerging large development of the nearby Murphy site, it may be appropriate for the applicant to liaise with their developer at an early stage to design in telecommunication requirements as per Camden's Local Plan. To the NE of Crestview, in the Archway area, there are a number of tall non-residential buildings, not located within conservation areas, which might also be suitable - in particular Vantage Point.

Our Neighbourhood Plan clearly states: "...the people of Dartmouth Park wish to ensure that the area's village character, rich architectural heritage, attractive green streets, open spaces and natural environment are not only maintained but enhanced". We firmly believe that the proposals put forward in the Planning Application would contravene every aspect of the above policy statement. Furthermore, it does not comply with Camden's local Plan or DPNF policies. We can see no justification for approving this application on the grounds of public benefit that outweighs the visual harm or the duty to preserve and enhance our conservation area.

Please refuse this application

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