

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

CRASH is the representative organisation for residents living in the South Hampstead (formerly Swiss Cottage) Conservation Area. One of its major focusses is consideration of planning applications and planning enforcement issues. CRASH is the recognised organisation in the Conservation Area Management Statement. CRASH is pleased that Camden took enforcement action against this pergola which was erected without permission. When one looks at the block plans and google earth it is evident that 80 Greencroft Gardens already has the largest and most incongruous rear extension in this street - it extends further into the rear garden than any others and is full width. It is not true that vegetation blocks neighbours views of the "pergola" - other residents who have lodged objections during the planning and enforcement process clearly show that they can see the "pergola" and the light emitted from them. It is not just used in summer but year round. It takes up even more of the rear garden and is not comparable to other "pergolas" cited in the application. CRASH acknowledges that it might take longer than one month to remove the structure because of the need to organise builders but also notes that given the time taken resisting the enforcement notice it could have already been removed in the time lapsed. In summary, CRASH supports the reasons why Camden chose to serve an enforcement notice on this "pergola" (noting that there were other planning breaches which were subject to enforcement at this site when the rear extension was added) and supports its removal as swiftly as possible.