

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2024/5407/P	Nicholas Taylor	20 Makepeace Avenue	24/04/2025 09:54:13	OBJNOT	<p>I object to the proposed gardeners' building (project 6) which forms part of the application. My wife is buried on 'the platform' which adjoins the site of the proposed building. My children and I therefore have a close interest in the proposal.</p> <p>The building will be very prominent for a number of reasons: It will adjoin the main thoroughfare which visitors to the East cemetery walk along. It will not even be set back from the thoroughfare but will be hard alongside it. There are no trees in this particular location (unlike many other parts of the cemetery); the site is therefore particularly visible.</p> <p>The upper floor of the proposed building will be particularly intrusive for those visiting their relatives who are buried on the platform. The building will immediately abut the only footpath which visitors can use to visit the burial plots. Since most of the plots on the platform are recent, it is all the more important in our view that the feelings of those visiting the platform should be respected. This differentiates the platform from most of the rest of the cemetery where, in general, the burial plots are of people long since dead.</p> <p>With regard to the MOL status of the cemetery it is relevant that the majority of buildings in Highgate cemetery adjoin the entrance to the West cemetery. From a town planning point of view it is preferable for any new buildings to be located near to the existing buildings (whilst respecting the fact that the existing buildings are listed). The location adjoining the platform could hardly be worse in this respect</p> <p>The presence of abundant woodland to the west of the main buildings in the west cemetery would help to ensure that any new building in that area had minimal impact on MOL</p> <p>We do not consider that the need for a two storey building is established. We accept that there is a need for safe and dry storage of expensive maintenance equipment. Such a need justifies the erection of a single storey building. We do not accept the need for a staff room with desks, tables, etc., which amounts to about 30m2 of floorspace</p> <p>It would be much cheaper if any new building was single storey and perhaps less elongated. The elongation of the building shown on the drawings is directly a result of the narrowness of the plot where the building is proposed.</p> <p>It would be far preferable if a single storey building was erected west of the main buildings in the west cemetery. The stability of the platform (mentioned as part of the justification for the proposed location) can be simply achieved by other means such as sheet piling, a well tried and trusted technique</p> <p>For the above reasons we object to the location of a two storey building next to the platform. We would not object to a single storey building here, although we think that a less obtrusive location in the west cemetery could be found</p> <p>We have no comment in relation to the other projects included in this application</p>
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