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re Planning Application Highgate Cemetery 2024/5407/P

There are concerns that Highgate Cemetery is in breach of its Charitable Objects in regards to Project 6: East side Mound Building/Gardeners' Building.

Charity Number 1058392-0/1

To promote the conservation [in so far as it is practicable] its flora and fauna.

The green roof supports far less bio diversity than the wild flower bank

The building would increase the risk of local flooding and drought and cause environmental damage. the wild flower Bank seems to be stable and could be repaired. There is pre planted turf on biodegradable meshing for securing retaining banks which would be suitable.

To preserve it as a place of beauty

The open view of trees from the Mound would be blocked by the concrete building wall and the building would dominate the surrounding area.

To promote the conservation for the benefit of the national and local interest

National and international tourists when viewing Karl Marx tomb and the former Karl Marx burial ground, will see and walk past a 2 storey concrete rectangular ugly structure used by gardening traffic.

There are four grade II listed tomb stones close to Karl Marx tomb and the extra vehicular traffic will be a disturbance. In addition there are three graves of special interest in very close proximity to the Gardeners Building. It is not in the local interest as grave owners on the Mound were not informed of the 2 storey building until 27 March 2025, after the official closure of complaints to the Council on February 6th and were not subsequently invited to express their views and deep distress.

Despite repeated requests for a group meeting of Mound grave owners these have been refused.

to secure the preservation of its monuments and their settings for the public benefit.

The gardeners building is clearly visible from the left and right side of the Karl Marx monument. Dr Dungavell says in his letter [attached] 'we also had to rule out siting the gardeners building on the site of the communications and education building as a two storey structure was felt to be too intrusive in the conservation area. All the cemetery is within the conservation area and all the cemetery is Grade 1 registered Park and Garden 1000810

I wish for planning permission for Project 6: East side Mound Building/Gardeners' Building to be rejected.

I attach Dr Dungavell's letter to me below.

Yours

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