

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2024/5407/P	Anna	58 Huddleston Road	09/05/2025 20:14:17	COMMNT	<p>I wish to register my strong objection to the entire proposal for the Gardeners Mound building. My father is buried on the East Side Mound, and I visit his grave regularly. This is not just a burial site to me - it is where I go to remember him and to feel close to him.</p> <p>We chose this location for his resting place because of the mound's beauty and its open, elevated view over the cemetery. It's one of the few places left that feels open and contemplative, where you can reflect in peace without being crowded or overshadowed. To see that taken away - to have his grave shoved up against a new development - is not only distressing, it is infuriating.</p> <p>The proposed structure would completely alter the character of the mound. It's not just the height or design - it's the fact that any building at all would fundamentally disrupt the sense of peace that currently exists there. The area is already surrounded on two sides by buildings from the Whittington estate. Adding another building would remove what little space and sky is left. It would turn a serene and open area into something hemmed-in and impersonal.</p> <p>Please reconsider, for the people who have people they love buried there.</p>
2024/5407/P	tim steadman	8 Highgate West Hill  N6 6JR N6 6JR	11/05/2025 10:14:28	COMMNT	<p>The design, size and location the building as proposed take insufficient account of the sensibilities of visitors whose friends and relatives are buried nearby. For these visitors, the location is a place of deep emotional significance, rather than a relatively impersonal heritage or tourist attraction. The combined area of both cemeteries provides ample opportunity to rationalise the gardening support facilities while showing proper respect for the feelings of this most important category of visitors.</p>

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2024/5407/P	Miles Kiernan	3 Ranelagh Road London N17 6XY	09/05/2025 21:10:25	OBJ	<p>Dear Camden Planning Committee,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed plans for the construction of a two-story building within the grounds of Highgate Cemetery, directly adjacent to existing gravesites on the Mound. I am a grave owner and my twin brother is buried on the mound.</p> <p>This proposal is deeply inappropriate and disrespectful to the memory of those laid to rest in this sacred space, and it disregards the sensitivities of grieving families and the wider community. Cemeteries are solemn places of remembrance and peace. The presence of a large, modern structure within such close proximity to graves undermines the dignity of the deceased and the sanctity of the site.</p> <p>Furthermore, this development risks permanently altering the character and atmosphere of the cemetery. A two-story building is intrusive in scale, will overshadow burial plots, disrupt quiet reflection, and introduce increased traffic and noise that are wholly incompatible with the purpose of a burial ground.</p> <p>From an ethical and cultural standpoint, such a development is deeply troubling. Many individuals and communities consider burial sites sacred, and any encroachment upon this space can cause significant distress. Building so close to graves shows a concerning lack of reverence and sensitivity.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider this plan and protect the integrity of the cemetery as a place of rest, respect, and reflection. There are alternative locations more suited to development that do not carry the moral, spiritual, and emotional implications this one does.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope the voices of those who value respect for the deceased and for community heritage will be heard.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Miles Kiernan</p>

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2024/5407/P	DORCAS KIERNAN	25 Clonmell Road  N17 6JY N17 6JY	09/05/2025 14:09:15	OBJ	<p>Dear Planning team,</p> <p>My brother is buried on the mound. We chose this as a place to visit and grieve because of the beautiful, natural surrounding environment and tranquility.</p> <p>I believe that the construction of this large building will not only cause visual but auditory pollution to the mound area. A place we go to be with our thoughts, memories and silence. Looking out over our graves and onto a brick wall will cause visual disturbance when we previously looked out onto nature... universally acknowledged as soothing.</p> <p>The mound has the highest concentration of graves with relatives who are still alive and in active grief. Safeguarding their emotional wellbeing and experience of the graveyard should be your highest priority, rather than tourists visiting graves of people they do not have a personal relationship with. This building should therefore be constructed somewhere else in the graveyard where there aren't so many active friends and relatives spending time contemplating their relatively recently deceased loved ones.</p> <p>You have a responsibility to the grave owners, and friends and family of those buried on the mound to maintain the environment we committed to our loved ones being laid to rest in.</p> <p>Dorcas Kiernan</p>
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2024/5407/P	Rachel Phipp	3 Ranelagh Road London N17 6xy	11/05/2025 21:58:37	OBJ	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to the planning proposal for the construction of a two-storey building within the grounds of Highgate Cemetery, as outlined in application [insert reference number].</p> <p>Highgate Cemetery is a Grade I listed historic site, widely regarded for its exceptional cultural, architectural, and environmental value. It is not only a place of rest for numerous significant historical figures but also a cherished sanctuary of tranquillity and natural heritage in North London. The proposed development is inappropriate for the following reasons:</p> <p><b>Heritage Impact</b> The cemetery's designation as a site of national historical importance means that any structural additions must be of the utmost sensitivity and minimal visual impact. A two-storey building risks dominating the landscape and detracting from the Victorian architecture and atmosphere of solemnity that characterises the cemetery.</p> <p><b>Harm to Landscape and Ecology</b> The cemetery is home to a mature and ecologically diverse landscape. Construction activity and a permanent new structure would threaten existing trees, disturb wildlife habitats, and irrevocably alter the site's natural character.</p> <p><b>Contravention of Conservation Objectives</b> The proposal appears to conflict with the objectives of the Highgate Cemetery Conservation Plan and potentially breaches the London Plan's policies on protecting designated heritage assets and open green space.</p> <p><b>Precedent and Overdevelopment</b> Allowing a building of this scale would set a concerning precedent for further development in similarly sensitive heritage environments. It may invite future proposals that could gradually erode the unique character of the cemetery.</p> <p><b>Community Sentiment and Cultural Respect</b> Highgate Cemetery is not merely a tourist attraction—it remains a sacred site and an active place of remembrance. The proposed building risks undermining the dignity of the space and the sentiments of those who visit loved ones or value the site as a place of historical reverence.</p> <p>For these reasons, I respectfully urge the planning authority to reject the application in order to preserve the historic and cultural integrity of Highgate Cemetery for current and future generations.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Rachel</p>

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2024/5407/P	Natalie Chambers	6 Southern Road London N2 9LE	11/05/2025 18:31:34	INT	<p>Dear Camden Council Planning Department,</p> <p>I am writing to formally and personally object to planning application 2024/5407/P for the proposed construction of a new building within Highgate Cemetery.</p> <p>Firstly I am objecting as I am a grave owner and I was not asked about this matter despite buying this plot very close to the suggested plans.</p> <p>My objection stems from the devastating impact this development would have on the grave of my beloved parents, Ute and Stefan Stok.</p> <p>.</p> <p>The proposed building is alarmingly close to my parents' grave which is second in from the path at the edge of the mound. I am deeply concerned that it will obstruct the current views from their grave which was specifically chosen to have the views over the mound towards the trees and graves. Our father and us would have never ever have chosen that plot had there been the faintest indication that it would be next to a building,yet alone a construction site. We specifically chose it because of the beautiful views towards the trees and older graves below and tranquility. We were offered other plots throughout the new part and the old part of the cemetery (East and West sides), and would not have dreamed that the tranquility and beauty, peace and natural views could be destroyed and our family plot would be destroyed. If the building were to go ahead the mound would be surrounded by modern buildings on nearly all sides. A disgrace.It seems this site was chosen as it is a new area and therefore deemed less commercially important than other places in the Cemetery.</p> <p>Also the process of constructing a new building so close to existing graves is deeply worrying. I anticipate significant disruption from noise, dust, and the general activity of a building site. This would make visiting impossible. Furthermore, I am concerned about the potential for the construction work itself to disturb the ground around their grave which is the second grave in from the edge and their actual grave.</p> <p>I sincerely request that Camden Council REFUSE planning application 2024/5407/P.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, Natalie Chambers Grave Owner</p>
2024/5407/P	Heather Deedman	Flat 26 Dehavilland Studios  E5 9NY E5 9NY	11/05/2025 22:48:48	OBJ	<p>As a regular visitor to this part of the cemetery to help maintain a friend's grave I would urge a rethink of the position of the building on the East side of the cemetery on the mound. The position of this as proposed will block the outlook and light of this area. This is a newer part of the cemetery and I have met and got to know many people similarly coming to terms with recent losses of friends and family. It's a quiet and peaceful part of Highgate ( mostly not of interest to tourists) and the proposed building with more active use and toilets will change this. The design does not invoke a walled garden. It looks like a garage. If it has to be built it's a shame a less impactful site couldn't have been identified. For example a building at the lower path level tucked under the mound would be preferable if, as I accept, some better facilities to to be built.</p>