

## **Objection to Planning Application –2024/5407/P – 2024/5423/L Highgate Cemetery**

As a grave owner of my father buried recently on the Mound, I wish to strongly object to the proposal to build a Gardeners Large, Multi-Use Shed on the site of the graves Mound at Highgate Cemetery.

5 of the 7 'material considerations' that Camden Planning department will consider are directly related to the plans put forward in this application. They are:

1. 'The design, size and height of new buildings or extensions' – it has been admitted by Highgate Cemetery that these are not correct (pointed out and corrected for the benefit of other grave-owners by fellow grave owner and distinguished architect Amir Sanei)
2. 'The impact of new uses of buildings or of land.' Clearly there would be a horrendous impact on mourners to the Mound's graves. This is a sacred, peaceful place to go and tend the grave. People talk quietly not to disturb others. It is a sanctuary for quiet contemplation and meditation and prayer. Moreover, this proposed building would cut off the Mound from the rest of the East Cemetery, obscuring the peaceful view of the rest of the historic cemetery.
3. 'Loss of light and the privacy of neighbours' – neighbours in this case being the family and friends of those buried at the Mound, for whom this cemetery on the Mound is a place of peace and serenity in which to contemplate the past and its memories.
4. 'The impact of noise from plant equipment.' The impact of noise if this building were to go ahead is obvious with Plant Vehicles entering and exiting the large shed. It is unthinkable that anyone would contemplate putting a building alongside one half of a working, live cemetery.
5. 'Noise from new uses'. We would hear Flushing toilets, people going in and out of the large multi-purpose shed, doors being unlocked, doors closed, shutters mechanically opened and shut.

I very sincerely request that Camden Planning Department reject this proposal to build on the Mound within the above Planning Application.

Best,

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