

To whom it may concern-

As a local resident with strong links to Highgate I write to request that Project 6, The Gardeners' Building, as explained in the submission of Sanei Hopkins Architects, be removed.

My objections are as follows-

1. The design is in my view invasive and insensitive, the brutalist building style being inappropriate for the area. It would also mask views that are important to stakeholders, and cause them some practical problems for access. Traffic to and from it would make the surroundings noisy.
2. The primary purpose of this area is as a burial place. It contains recent graves and is regularly visited by a number of recently bereaved grave plot owners to the last resting places of those they loved, in an area that they hoped would be restful and respected. The placing of such a building here shows minimal consideration for the graveyard's most important function and those living people who visit it to remember and seek peace.
3. The 'Illustrative view of the Gardener's Building from the Mound' in the above architects' submission shows five imaginary figures reacting as though the area is only a historic tourist destination with good views rather than primarily a functioning graveyard visited by the bereaved.
4. I know that the grave plot owners were not universally consulted, with those that were being asked at different times from each other. This is unacceptable, as they are major stakeholders and chose The Mound in good faith as a quiet and peaceful place. Was there a public consultation?
5. It does look rather like an attempt to rush the project through by paying only lip service to allowing time for possible objections to be raised.
6. There are surely areas of the Cemetery where this building could be less invasively situated. Is it in fact intended for the use of gardeners, or is it a multi purpose building? If a shop/cafe are involved this would be still more insensitive.
7. I would appreciate a reply to my concerns- Yours, Jeannine Addinall.