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PLANNING APPLICATION - 2024/5407P
SITE ADDRESS: Highgate Cemetery Swains Lane, London N6 6PJ
DEVELOPMENT TYPE: New Commercial Redevelopment

THE ERECTION OF A GARDENERS BUILDING ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CEMETERY.

Dear Sir

My name is Barbara Blatch and my husband Bryan was one of the first people to be buried on The Mound in Highgate Cemetery. It is a tranquil place. I am very concerned that the proposed large double storey building will overshadow his grave, which will be beside this building. The Mound has always been a peaceful place where one could come and sit, grieve and feel near to one's loved one. This will no longer be the case. The proposal is for this building to have a viewing platform on top, a toilet, (despite the fact that there are three public toilets near the entrance to this part of the cemetery) and also be used for storage of the gardening buggies and equipment. This area will be turned into a hive of activity which will be disturbing for the grave owners and distressing for the newly bereaved.

This building could be located further down the hill from The Mound where a skip currently stands which is on a much wider part of the road than that beside The Mound. Also, behind the skip there are two unused large compost mounds. Surely, this would be a better place to sight this building instead of disturbing the peace of the grave owners when visiting and tending their loved one's graves.

Yours faithfully

Barbara Blatch