

Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Dear Rachel Miller,

Planning Application 2013/3424/P 18 Dartmouth Park Road NW5 1SX

We object to this application on the following grounds:

1. Numbers 16 and 18 Dartmouth Park Road are a pair of handsome Early Victorian houses noted in the Conservation Area Assessment as making a positive contribution to the streetscape. The proposed extension to the living room projects significantly beyond the line of the existing west (closet) wing, and creates a serious imbalance in this symmetrical pair of semi-detached houses, as well as a dangerous precedent for extensions into rear gardens.
2. The proposed three-panel window across the whole of this extension is out of keeping with the character of the house.
3. The very large roof light to this extension will be a major source of light pollution to surrounding residences.
4. The treatment of the replacement western (closet) wing is unacceptable: The details of proposed windows are not numbered in a manner that facilitates identification with those in the proposed elevations, but it appears from drawing no.613_222 that a Brobdingnagian aluminium framed glazed door is occupy almost the entire garden face of this wing. This is utterly out of keeping with the character of the house, and nothing of this sort has ever been permitted in such house alterations. There is no conceivable justification for it Even if the lower part of it is a door, the design is unacceptable..

The application however acceptable in its other elements should be rejected for the above reasons.

M. Port for P.Lefevre, Chairman, DPCAAC, 6 Aug.2013.