

Development Control
London Borough of Camden
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2nd May 2007

Dear Sirs,

10 PILGRIMS LANE, HAMPSTEAD, LONDON NW3 1SL

I enclose a full planning application for erection of an external spiral staircase on this house.

The house is a modern, infill building, detached and on a sloping site. The street entrance is at the western end of the building, on a half level, with the bedrooms on the lower floor and the kitchen/dining, and living rooms on the upper level.

This creates a problem for the owners/occupiers of the house, in that the only access to the garden is via two of the three lower ground level bedrooms. There is no direct access from the living space into the garden. This creates a problem with supervision of small children and their safety whilst playing outside.

A further problem is that there is only the north end single staircase exit from the upper levels of the house. There is no alternative escape route from the kitchen/dining area down to ground level.

The proposed external spiral stair will not only provide a secondary escape route out of the building from the upper floors in emergency, it will create a direct route for the children to be reached from the living area of the house, whilst they are playing outside.

I think this is a practical and simple solution to safety issues.

The staircase proposed is a simple modern design. I have attached pictures of a similar stair from the manufacturer's website. It will provide 13 risers of 200mm to a steel landing and a further single step up onto the kitchen level balcony. The material is all steel, with galvanised central post and treads, and stainless handrailing.

The position of the stair will be partly hidden by existing greenery and it is not thought that any significant overlooking or intrusion will be caused.

I look forward to your acknowledgement of this application and to your eventual decision.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Robert Shaw', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT SHAW

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