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2014/1938/P	David Chinn	66 Pilgrims Lane London NW3 1SN	14/05/2014 16:24:51	SUPPRT	<p>I am writing to support the planning applications for both 35 & 33 South Hill Park. I have lived in the NW3 conservation area for a number of years and believe that these wonderful Victorian houses can be sensitively adapted to suit modern family life, indeed this is what we have recently successfully achieved with our own.</p> <p>35 and 33 are a handsome pair of semi detached houses, and as their ground floors are clearly situated high above pavement level, there is plenty of room for basements to be built without these looking at all out of place. In fact from the plans, it is clear that the basements, which will effectively be lower ground floor, will be built very traditionally, matching the original features above and will look as though they were always there. So many houses on South Hill Park have basements/lower ground floors wherever the land they are built on is steep front to back as they are at 35 and 33 South Hill Park and many others that didn't have a lower floor have recently been given permission to create one.</p> <p>I know both owners well and I am confident that these houses will be adapted with a very high quality of materials and workmanship with professional planting. In fact I think the frontages will be significantly enhanced by the new front light wells and stairs being finished in exactly the same way, making this pair of houses even more attractive from the road.</p> <p>The rear extension proposed at 35 South Hill Park is an innovative design and will enable this house to have much more functional space for a growing family which its current rather badly designed interior prevents. Government policy encourages better use of housing stock and I believe this design is not only in line with this but manages to improve family living accommodation without being visible from neighbouring houses. I also feel that the design by a RIBA award winning architect is a great example of modern architecture complementing and improving an outdated Victorian house. There are many examples in this road where unfortunately this has not occurred. The proposed revisions to the rear of 35 South Hill Park will set a new standard in how these amendments can be undertaken sympathetically to achieve both a functional and aesthetically pleasing result.</p>

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2014/1938/P	Joe Markey	35 South Hill Park London NW3 2ST	14/05/2014 23:09:06	SUPPRT	<p>I have lived at 35 South Hill Park all my life so have grown up in the area and gone to school close by. It is a great area but our house is now out of date, leaking badly in places and doesn't suit us now that my brother and I are teenagers and our grandparents are elderly.</p> <p>Whilst my parents have looked at trying to move, our family is so settled in this area with friends and school close by and unfortunately a larger home with more suitable space is not affordable.</p> <p>They have therefore commissioned a very talented architect to resolve all the complicated issues with our tall but not very wide house. The design will create more lateral space, improve communication between the rooms and enable our ageing grandmother's to stay more frequently and for longer periods in the newly created ground floor where they can sleep, have their own bathroom and even make themselves something to eat when they don't want to join us.</p> <p>Because our house is currently high above pavement level the basement is really going to be a lower ground floor with only a few steps down making it easy to access both from outside and inside the house. The new front will have a light well with proper bike storage so we will be able to store and use our bikes with ease - something which is really difficult now as we have to bring them through the house and down steep steps - consequently we hardly ever bother to cycle now our bikes are full size and therefore heavy to carry through the house and down the front steps.</p> <p>The fact that our neighbours at 33 South Hill Park are planning an identical lower ground floor means the houses can be worked on concurrently and will look extremely attractive for being finished in the same way. There has always been construction work to houses going on in South Hill Park and this work will just be one in a long line of refurbishments/basement additions. I fail to see why this application is any different from all those that have been approved in the past and also very recently. The planned changes will make a tremendous difference to our family's ability to stay in and use our house to its full potential.</p>

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2014/1938/P	Rhoda Brawne	31 South Hill Park London NW3 2ST	14/05/2014 22:59:46	SUPNOT	<p>I believe that there are three aspects of an application that neighbours should have the legitimate right to comment on when considering a planning application and these are:</p> <p>1.) The physical effect on surrounding buildings I have full confidence that these building works will be carefully scrutinised by the engineers, architects and builders involved in this project and that it is in their interests not to cause any deleterious effects on the neighbouring buildings. Therefore I am entitled to say I feel safe because I feel both families involved in this scheme are entirely trustworthy.</p> <p>2.) The use of the building and its effects on the area In regard to the use of the buildings, I think it is important these houses do not become offices or anything other than family dwellings and that their use does not significantly increase the density of occupants and consequently traffic in the road.</p> <p>3.) The aesthetics of the building and its effect on the townscape of the road From the public side of the buildings these houses will look extremely similar to the best of the other houses on the road.</p> <p>With reference to these criteria, I am writing to express my support for the planning applications for both my neighbours at 35 & 33 South Hill Park.</p> <p>We have met all of us together and discussed the plans for both houses which are being adapted to suit both their changing family needs and to accommodate regular and longer visits from elderly parents. When my house, which is now a listed building was designed by my husband, the architect Michael Brawne in the 1950's, we deliberately designed it with the future needs of our family in mind and indeed our bottom floor has been adapted over the years for use by an elderly parent as well as by my children when as young adults they returned from university and required accommodation.</p> <p>As a retired town planner and former lecturer at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London where my role was to introduce architects to town planning, I feel strongly that houses should evolve over time to be maximally useful to the families who live in them and that this is vital to the stability and community feel of any area.</p> <p>In the years since our house received planning permission from Camden, I feel that the planning regulations have become too restrictive and inhibit architectural innovation. These Victorian houses are of course old fashioned in their design and not particularly well suited to modern family life but they can be made to work well through sensitive architectural designs such as the proposed changes in this application.</p> <p>I know and trust my neighbours to ensure that a proper party wall agreement as well as full building works insurance will be put in place and that if there are any adverse effects to my property as a result of this work, they will unhesitatingly be put right.</p>

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2014/1938/P	Nancy Hakim Dowek	44 Parliament Hill flat 4	12/05/2014 16:21:48	SUPPRT	I am writing to express my support for the planning application for 35 South Hill Park. The houses in this area keep escalating in value with the result that professional families once settled cannot afford to move within the area they have made their home, to obtain more lateral space, This means the only way they can accommodate their changing families' needs is by adapting their current homes so that they can remain in the area long term. This process is taking place all around the South Hill Park Conservation area with extensions and basements common place, as local people evolve their accommodation into more practical living spaces for their current and future life stages. This is a natural process and can only be of benefit to the area as the housing stock is updated and maintained and people remain in and contribute to the community instead of moving out to larger homes elsewhere.
2014/1938/P	stephen ashcroft	4 eldon grove	14/05/2014 12:50:27	SUPPRT	I am writing to support this application. I have known the owners of number 33 for many years and spoken to them about their needs for additional space in light of the health of their parents. As I understand it, there is no risk to the neighbouring buildings and therefore I see no justification for opposing this work which will improve the usefulness of the building and will be aesthetically pleasing and consistent with the other buildings in the road.
2014/1938/P	Ralph and Patricia Kanter	Garden Flat 17 Upper Park Road London NW3 2UN	13/05/2014 17:22:51	SUPPRT	We write in support of the application for planning permission by the Markey family at 35 South Hill Park. We have lived in NW3 for over 70 years bringing up our own family, who now have children of their own and also live in the area. It is a wonderful area for families but the rising price of property has made it increasingly difficult to move, a very different situation from when we were younger. This has meant that as family needs change, very different solutions have had to be found to meet the changing needs of a growing family with ageing relatives who want to and should be able to visit and stay from further afield. These Victorian houses are being creatively and sensitively adapted by clever architects and the design for 35 South Hill Park is a wonderful example of this. It will be able to accommodate, growing teenagers and elderly grandparents, by creating more lateral communicating space, without losing any of its Victorian charm. In fact the architect who has devised this scheme has achieved inspiring results on other similar properties elsewhere and we have no doubt he will do the same at 35 South Hill Park without any loss of amenities to the surrounding neighbours.
2014/1938/P	SIMON NYE	3 CHALCOT GDNS LONDON NW3 4YB	14/05/2014 18:19:31	SUPPRT	My family and I lived in South Hill Park for many years and have seen all kinds of building work going on there, and this proposed basement development strikes me as modest and reasonable, especially compared with other works. It will provide extra accommodation for the Markey family's visiting elderly relatives who will otherwise not be able to stay as there are too many steps to the upper floors, so making maximum use of the property. They have lived in the house for getting on for 20 years and this is the first time they have asked for significant planning permission. The fact that the work at 35 SHP will be done in tandem with 33 SHP will minimise building disruption, and in any case the road is quite wide at that point so access is very good. I know the Markeys have been tireless in their research, getting expert opinion to minimise disruption etc, are not approaching this frivolously, and deserve permission to do this work.