



Dear Sirs,

I write to strongly object to a planning application made by number 40 Froggnal lane APPLICATION NUMBER 2013/6955/P , i object for the following reasons.

1. The narrow driveway is only 5.5 metres wide , this would make it almost impossible for a large car/van to navigate it's way through the proposed gates in one movement , thus possibly requiring several reversing and forward steering movement's this i feel is dangerous for pedestrians as there is no designated footpath on the driveway. Also the difficulty in gaining access will cause noise pollution to the resident's as well as adding to the air pollution of Hampstead and London in general.
2. The driveway is currently used by 4 residencies all with cars that require the driveway to be clear of obstructions at all times , if for example a car is waiting to gain access through the proposed new gates at number 40 and i wish to leave in my car , the waiting car will either ... 1.. continue into number 40, or 2.. have no other choice than to reverse onto Froggnal lane which has a very nasty pinch point at the end of the driveway, this is very dangerous for all road users and pedestrian's alike, and strongly ill advised. Another example may be that a car visit's number 40 and cannot gain entry , the driver think's " i'm not reversing out there " it turn around down the bottom of the drive, this has a very small turning area and takes several attempts , and also right outside my front door which will cause even more nuisance with noise and car fumes etc, as well as being dangerous to myself and other resident's.
3. The wall that these proposed gates will be cut into , as i understand is late georgian and victorian in construction , a large part of this wall would be destroyed and lost forever if this proposed application gets approval. If approved, i would wonder at the purpose of a conservation order in such an important historic area as Hampstead which is known for it's fine building's.
4. The pleached lime trees which line the driveway adjacent to the wall are between 25-30 years old .I cannot believe that no damage would occur to these beautiful trees if this application goe's ahead. These pleached lime trees greatly enhance the immediate area and Hampstead as a whole, and any work carried out for this planning application would, (in my view and without any doubt), damage these wonderful trees either below ground or above ground . If we wish to preserve Hampstead's character , we must "factor in" the great importance that tree's contribute to the the local enviroment and protect them at all cost.

I oppose the planning application for the above reasons.

