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**From:** Vicki Harding [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2014 23:07  
**To:** Planning; Planning  
**Cc:** Bell, Nick  
**Subject:** 7 Kidderpore Avenue 2014/4410/P

Dear Sir,

re: 7 Kidderpore Avenue 2014/4410/P

This is an objection to this application regarding the proposed changes to the front garden.

The existing drive is already oversize for the house frontage and has acknowledged parking space for 3 cars despite this being a 2-household building, though an argument can be made that this area can already contain more cars than 3.

The effects of increasing the driveway area will be to

1) Increase the hard standing area and reduce soft landscaping (in addition to the significant area of lost soft landscaping at the rear of the property) against SUDs recommendations in a road whose water run-off goes to Finchley Road that is acknowledged as flooding in 2002.

2) Creating parking space for 3 LARGE cars as requested will essentially encourage the use of larger cars where local streets are already too narrow for passing parked cars and coping with construction lorries. Larger cars inevitably use more fossil fuels than smaller cars. If only 1 larger car is used, it is concerning that there will then be space for 4 further moderate sized cars. The photograph of the existing building frontage already shows plenty of space for 1 large and 1 medium car side by side without taking into account the brick block side parking area. The driveway length is considerably longer than that of 2 large cars.

3) Changing from gravel to natural stone will worsen the case for SUDs, and make the front garden look even more oversize, bleak and less contained. Removing the brick block parking area and replacing it with continuous natural stone will accentuate the grey 'sea of stone' effect.

Since the laburnum was diseased and virtually dead its removal would normally be accompanied by a condition to replace. Please ask the Tree Officer to consider this case to be a DD notice and ensure the laburnum is replaced.

Summary:

I object to this part of the application and request that the driveway retain every inch of its current trees and flowerbeds with replacement of the laburnum, and a more permeable solution found for the current brick block parking area to soften its effect and help break up the grey sea of stone.

I consider that Camden in fact should go further than this and request more flowerbeds in this area - nearer the house and over the brick block area - to mitigate against the loss of soft landscaping at the rear of the house. This would assist drainage in this area that already makes too large a contribution to flooding in Finchley Road and the Fortune Green and West Hampstead area, and reduce the number of cars that could potentially park here to 2 - one for each household. This is in accordance with Camden's traffic and CA guidelines and should be rigorously enforced.

***Dr Vicki Harding***

***Voluntary Tree Officer Heath & Hampstead Society***

