

30 September 2013

Ms Jenna Litherland  
Camden Regeneration & Planning  
Development Management  
Town Hall, Judd Street  
London WC1 8ND

Dear Ms Litherland

**RE: Planning Application 2013/5804/P 5 & 7 Hilltop Road London NW6 2QA**

As a local resident I wish to comment on the above application.

This is the latest in a number of applications relating to these properties and the first under the new Permitted Development Rights.

In my opinion the application is short of necessary information on which a sound decision can be based. There is nothing in the application regarding materials to be used, nor anything about the design of doors and windows to indicate whether they will meet Camden's requirements for "closely matching materials and design details" (Camden's guidance on extensions, alterations and conservatories in relation to Core Strategy Policy CS14 and Development Policy DP24).

Furthermore, in Camden's guidance under "General Principles" it states that rear extensions should be designed to be "secondary to the building being extended". The plans show that the extensions are about equal to half of the footprint of the original buildings, this is hardly complying with the requirement for extension to be of a secondary nature.

The extensions according to the letter accompanying the application will extend 4.6m beyond the rear walls of the existing buildings. The Department for Communities and Local Government Permitted Development for Householders Technical Guidance issued January 2013 states regarding Class A applications that:

"A single-storey extension must not extend beyond the rear of the original house by more than four metres if a detached house, or by more than three metres in any other case".

This application does not appear to meet the requirements necessary for permitted development and thus Camden should not allow it. The applicant should be required to make a full planning application.

Yours sincerely

Jeanette Murch

