

We object to this application on the following grounds.

These properties are architecturally unique: they represent the only examples anywhere on the Finchley Road of mid-1960s Modern architecture. Despite the existing properties having been built between a house of c.1930 (38 Heath Drive) and a pair of Baroque Revival houses of the 1890s (262 and 264 Finchley Road), the consideration given to their massing and placement has ensured that they form an interesting and attractive contrast to their older neighbours; such consideration has not been given by the architects of the proposed replacement building, either in the original or revised plans, which are clearly concerned only with unsuitably squeezing as much floorspace as possible into the plot.

The creation of a basement is of extreme concern in light of the comprehensive and objective submission by Thames Water. In light of this alone, and whatever consideration is given to any other proposals, the application to build a basement of any kind should be rejected.

The drawings appear to indicate that some of the proposed building will be constructed on land that does not fall within ownership of the current proprietors - it is unclear how Camden Council can grant permission for anyone to building on land not in their possession.

The removal by felling of five trees is of concern, given the pollution levels on the Finchley Road, and the negative effect such removal will have upon the biodiversity of the area.

Yours faithfully
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