



# *The Heath & Hampstead Society*

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The Society examines all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead, and assesses them for their impact on conservation and on the local environment.

## **To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team**

Planning Ref: 2014/5721/P

Address: 53 Gayton Road NW3

Description: Roof extension.

Case Officer: Tessa Craig

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Gayton Road is one of Hampstead's less interesting streets, due its length and uniformity, bordering on monotony. No 53, and its neighbour No 52, are the exceptions to the rule, Due to their lower height, and other architectural differences, they provide a welcome break to the street's monotony, and we must oppose this application on the grounds of its degrading of the character of the Conservation Area.

The architecture of these two houses, plainly built as a pair, is distinctive, apart from their lower height, especially in their pair of charming dormer windows. This is a feature not repeated elsewhere in Gayton Road, their loss would lead to distinct harm to the CA.

(We note that the applicant states that No 52 is considering a similar extension)

Nos 52/53 are noted in the Conservation Area Statement as contributing to CA character—in other word, are locally listed. This proposal would damage that character, reinforcing the street's boring uniformity , and we ask for refusal.