

**64 Highgate Road, London NW5 1PA**

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

For the attention of the Head of the Planning Department, and related Planning Group, London Borough of Camden

**Re 62 B Highgate Road NW5 1PA, Planning Application 2014/6625/P**

We are writing to object strongly to the above Application. We should also like it noted that the due legal process has not taken place with regard to information to local residents, since none of us have been notified of the application, plans have not been posted on the planning website until now, when they are available only partially, and letters of inquiry to Ms. Scarisbrick (the officer published as responsible) have not been answered.

The plans involve an extension at the back of 62B, at second floor level. We object to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. 62B is a recent build, which was given planning permission through an Appeal process, but on completion did not conform to the conditions that were set. For example, the windows did not meet with specified requirements, and we understand that the final building did not receive a Building Regulations Certificate. It is owned by a property developer who rents it out to tenants, takes no part in local matters, and presumably has no interest in the local environment.
2. The proposed extension would tower over the back of our Grade II Listed Building, drastically reducing the light to the back windows of the house, and to our small garden and roof terrace, as well as severely cutting down our existing view of the sky. The total amount of light and outlook already lost as a result of the recent build plus the proposed new extension would be massive and entirely unacceptable.
3. On first applying for an extension to our own property, which would have been much smaller and less visible than the current proposals, our architect was informed by the Camden Planning Department that we would not be given permission for a second floor at the back of the house. Our proposal would have been set in from the Lane and much less visible than that of the current proposal, and furthermore met with warm support from our neighbours, but we were instructed by the Planning Department that only if we submitted new drawings for only ground and first floors would we be granted permission to build. The new two-storey extension to our house was completed with full Planning Permission and Building Regulations in 2008. It would be completely inconsistent for Planning Permission to be granted for the current proposal, which would constitute a much more bulky, high extension than the one for 64 that Camden previously refused.
4. The proposed extension would also tower above historic College Lane, and be completely out of keeping with the height of the backs of the other College Lane houses, making the end of the lane darker and obscuring most of the view of the sky from our own house, other local houses, and the lane itself.
5. It would reduce the quality of the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area, by its obtrusive height and bulk as well as ill-matching architecture.

We request that the Camden Planning Department reject this application. Please keep us informed of all developments.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Parker and Bryan Martin (owner and resident, 64 Highgate Road NW5 1PA)