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Dear Nanayaa Ampoma,

Re: Planning Application 2014/3835/P, 6 Antrim Grove, NW3 4XR

As an immediate neighbour of 6 Antrim Grove, with garden directly adjoining, I was surprised yesterday to see the local lamppost notification for the proposal and to discover that it had been submitted a while back and that the period for comments has now expired. We had not been informed of the application.

The planning website shows that you did notify the adjacent Antrim Grove neighbours, and 131 Haverstock Hill, but somehow omitted to tell us even though our property forms the Northern boundary. Whilst we were aware in general terms that Mr Braslavsky had plans to extend his property, it would have been nice to know formally what was happening in accordance with normal planning application procedure. The issue would seem to be the OS map presumably used to identify adjacent neighbours - the website extract seems to be at least 25 years out of date and does not reflect the actual current boundaries on the ground.

Anyway, no practical problem as we do not have any objections, and indeed are happy to support the proposal, which seems well considered in terms of both the design itself and the potential impact on neighbours.

As the owner of the garden with the tree that figures quite considerably in the plans, we appreciate the care evidenced in the proposal to protect the tree and we hope ensure that in the longer term it recovers from its storm damage and eventually becomes again an attractive adornment for the neighbourhood.

As for the design itself, I fully support the proposal and admire the way it provides such a substantial increase in space with such minimal external visual impact. One knows that basement developments can be controversial in denser areas of town, but in a street such as Antrim Grove this seems an excellent way of improving the property stock.

The proposal notes that the basement extensions at the adjacent Antrim Grove properties had caused quite some grief to neighbours during construction and observes that lessons have been learned to make the process less intrusive. As a neighbour one of course wants as low key a build as possible, but the essential point is what the final impact of the completed design will be, and on that score we are supportive.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

Matthew Paine

cc: Mr Peter Braslavsky