

From: Pauline Atlas [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 January 2015 16:37
To: Planning
Subject: Re: Comments on 2014/7966/P have been received by the council.

Hi Brigid

I hope you are having an enjoyable weekend.

Just to let you know that I have sent my comments as you can see, Reading them back (it is hard to see what you are typing in their cramped form), I could have set it out better and made my point more forcefully, but I think it will do?! I think I covered most things! While they will not pay any attention to our objections at least I got it off my chest!

All the best

See you soon

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On 18 January 2015 at 16:23, <planning@camden.gov.uk> wrote:
While I completely understand that West Hampstead Overground needs to be re developed as the current one is already or will soon be too small, lifts need to be installed to help access to the platforms for the aging population, those with prams, luggage and especially wheelchair users, I am finding the current plans not at all in keeping with the area. TFL's plans show a complete disregard and lack of understanding of the area. It looks as if an "off the peg" building is just going to be adapted a little to fit in the space as cheaply as possible and no effort is being made for it to be a nice fit as well as a practical one. TFL want the station to fit in with the Ballymore site - why is that? It should fit in with the area before it was destroyed by the hideous Ballymore monstrosity!

It is a shame that TFL plans to destroy the current Edwardian building which really fits in with the other buildings in the area. The new one will be completely "alien" and look as if it has just been "plonked" there. The design is ugly and not in keeping with the local architecture. The material planned to be used will not fit in with the surrounding buildings or with West Hampstead generally. The ugly roof and planned lettering advertising the station look nothing like anything else in the area. It will be so much higher than all the other buildings and stick out like a sore thumb. Even more despicable, will be the footbridge planned to go over the tracks which to me looks like walkways and watch towers one would have in a prison camp!

All this goes against the proposals made by the NDF and passed by Camden.

The destruction of the few remaining trees seems to also be a foregone conclusion. Any replacement will certainly not be mature trees and reduce even more all the benefits we had from our greenery. Again, this goes against Camden's own planning rules. It will be a further loss of and to wildlife.

The much lauded "West Hampstead Square" will also be reduced to a walk through area, especially at busy times (during the morning and evening rush hours). Why can the station not be mainly underground rather than above ground? It would then hardly disturb anyone and could be made to fit in its surrounding better with more appropriate materials used. I would be grateful if my comments are taken into account before any agreement is reached.

Please also notify me of any decision.

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