



# *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: 2014/7932/P 2015/0125/L

Address: 4 Keats Grove, NW3

Description: Extensions, car parking.

Case Officer: Neil Collins

Date 5 February 2015

We object to this proposal, on these grounds:

### 1. Removal of the entrance porch.

This glazed entrance porch, with link corridor, is a charming and engaging feature of this fine house, delicately conceived and crafted. It has always been a distinctive element of the architecture of the house, indeed of the character of Keats Grove; it must not be lost.

The replacement porch is correctly designed, and would sit well in other locations, but is stodgy and boring here.

### 2. Car parking space.

We always object to new off-street parking spaces, and crossovers. They destroy front gardens, fill them with ugly cars, are a pedestrian hazard, and are very damaging to the character and appearance of the street scene. This one would be particularly harmful to the listed house, and to Keats Grove and the Conservation Area.

On some occasions our objections to these spaces are overruled on the basis that each house is entitled to parking. In this case, since the house is divided into flats, that is not valid.

Please refuse