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To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team

Planning Ref:	2015/5953/P
Address:	4 Frognal Close NW3
Description:	Rear extension; window replacement
Case Officer:	Raymond Yeung

Date 3 November 2015

This group of houses, designed by Ernst Freud in the 1930's, is of significant architectural importance, and are locally listed. They deserve to be statutorily listed.

The full-width rear extension, although seemingly criticised in earlier consultations, fits reasonably well with the architecture of the Close.

The design of the replacement widows, however, does not; this must include the format and detail of the new large glazed doors. Replacement by powder-coated aluminium windows is quite acceptable, but the proposed radical change in the format of glazing bars would be discordant, and damage the architectural unity of the Close. There is no reason why a like-for-like replacement cannot be functionally acceptable, and we call for them to be modified accordingly. An equivalent design for the glazed doors could be devised.

Otherwise, we would have to ask for refusal.