



Dear Sir,

re: 2015/6004/P 30 Ellerdale Road, London, NW3 6BB

As Google Earth views within the Design and Access Statement show, this site is very sterile: it is covered mainly with hard landscaping or grass, tree-free, and out of keeping with its surroundings.

To reduce the tiny bit of permeable surface (grass) at the front of the property with a lightwell and spiral staircase merely makes such a situation even worse.

Please refuse unless some of the hardstanding at the front of the property is replaced with flowerbeds and at least one young but large-canopied tree species is planted and nurtured in both front and rear gardens.

This would be in order to return this site to one with a relatively treed texture within this part of the Conservation Area, to improve rainwater run-off through tree-canopy holding, reduce over-heating of the property and garden hard surfaces in summer, and alleviate some of the effects of climate change.

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