

Dear Mr. Thuaire,

Redington Frognal Association wishes to add its strong objection to this highly inappropriate proposal for Heath House. Heath House an important Grade II\* listed building in a highly visible location on the fringes of the Heath.

As a result of recent planning consents, the site already suffers from excessive hard surface and car parking. We should not wish to see this building and its setting – a material consideration – compromised further. The proposed excavation of a basement beneath the garden is completely unacceptable for a listed building, and contrary to Camden's own draft Local Plan.

Camden must continue to protect Metropolitan Open Land and not permit any development to take place on or beneath designated Metropolitan Open Land.

We urge you to reject this grossly undesirable application, which would have severely negative impacts on the house, its setting and on Metropolitan Open Land.

Kind regards,

Nancy Mayo

Secretary

Redington Frognal Association

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I write to object/oppose a new planning application as above.

The historically important, prominent listed house, Heath House, is not suitable for conversion to six flats, which do nothing for the status of the house and which will obscure most of the original interior. Those flats below ground level provide poor-quality habitable spaces.

Also the parking spaces caused by six flats cannot be easily accommodated on the site and certainly no parking should be allowed on this very visible house.

There should be no further building on or under our precious MOL. Please!

The deteriorating interior is not a reason for allowing the proposed change of use. And NO NEW BASEMENTS should be allowed under the existing listed building or its garden.

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## 2015/6280/P Heath House North End Way London NW3 7ET



The Heath and Hampstead Society have already submitted an objection to this proposal to convert a single family home to 6 flats. These are some additional points.

Camden have achieved a reduction in vehicle parking in the forecourt, however this still leaves some inappropriate parking and an unbalanced area not fulfilling its function as the setting for this house. In an age moving towards zero emissions, it would be ridiculous for this forecourt to be littered with cars, with electric cables and with charging posts.

Although the proposed landscaping of this area appears to be little different from that of 2008 -

Landscape Strategy Statement 2008: To echo historical tree planting around the street frontage, semi-mature *Lime* trees frame a renovated entrance court, paved with brick and natural stone.

- without the removal of the parking places and reinstatement of this grand entrance these trees will not achieve their full potential. The proposed planting is for limes that are grown closely and not to any great height. The traffic noise from the roundabout and roads either side here is considerable and quite apart from the effect on the house makes the roof terrace uncomfortably noisy and polluted. More space for larger, taller canopies is suggested, in addition to a lower level planting of evergreens such as holly to stop sound being reflected from the hard surface of the front boundary walls and to provide the best possible acoustic barrier all year around.

The North End Way path to the west is well-lined with large canopied street trees that are providing a good sound and pollution barrier. There is also a fairly thick barrier of tree canopy from the TPOed trees to the north east of the house. The acoustic and visual achilles heel is the front entrance. The main problem here is the parking.

By carving up this grand house into 6 units *prior to the ratification of the Local Plan*, this site cannot be deemed car-free and thus apparently supports the proposition that a basement garage be built on/under MOL land. This proposal too must be refused. There is plenty of space for parking to the rear where the service area could even be extended/moved in order to accommodate cars from both the 2 units Heath House and 'Heath Park'. The family or guests can therefore be driven to the front door then the car parked and charged around the back.

Please, additionally to earlier objections, refuse this application to convert this grand grade 2\* listed and historic house into 6 flats on the basis of the addition parking such a conversion will bring, and with its affect on trees, and the visual and acoustic consequences.

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