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19 Thurlow Road,
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8th January 2016

Dear Ms Haji-Ismail (CASE OFFICER)

Application 2015/6278/P – 15 Lyndhurst Road

I am writing regarding the application to demolish the house at 15 Lyndhurst Terrace and to erect a new building on the site.

The current house is modest, sits comfortably in the conservation area and I believe is listed as a positive addition to the area.

The proposal significantly increases the size and height of the building, creates a new basement filling 70% of the site and removes most of the rear garden. It also adds a second storey to create a new roof terrace

The construction of the new basement is likely to damage the root ball of the mature horse chestnut in the garden of no 17 Lyndhurst Terrace, a tree that I have enjoyed over the last 15 years of living at 19 Thurlow Road. As a lecturer in Countryside and Arboriculture at Capel Manor College I see no reason why this tree cannot survive another 15 to 50 years, despite some reported decay.

The plans for the basement come close to our property and I believe is over-development. I believe many councils in London now frown on this form of development, and the works are likely to be highly disruptive

The increase in the height of the house through the addition of a full storey will block views from our window on the side of our house, and I believe reduce light. The proposed roof terrace will look into our bedroom. The small addition of a green area does not compensate for the loss of the south-west facing rear garden and front garden which have both been altered recently, removing plants and trees.

I request planning consent be refused until a lower, more fitting and less intrusive proposal is put forward, that makes a more positive contribution to the surroundings than the current residence.

Yours sincerely

Philip List