



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: 2016/2614/P

Address: 11 Mansion Gardens NW3

Description: Car parking

Case Officer: Kasuni Thewarapperuma

Date 24 June 2016

There are aspects of this application which require greater clarity from the applicants, but there is no doubt about one feature: the new 2-car parking area.

We always oppose the creation of new off-street parking spaces in garden areas, on these grounds:

1. Loss of green garden space, planting, trees etc
2. Non-compliance with Camden's laudable policies on discouragement of car use; reduction of carbon emissions
3. Traffic and pedestrian road safety dangers
4. General degradation of the character of our Conservation Areas by the intrusion of unsightly vehicles into open areas.

All of these grounds apply in this case, made more acute by the intrusive ugliness of the proposed design, and the close proximity of the proposed parking area to Hampstead Heath.

We are also disturbed by what neighbours have said about the lengthy period of nuisance caused by the progress of building work on the house; noise, obstruction and visual disturbance on an unnecessary scale.

The drawings do not make it clear whether other works referred to are included in this application, or indeed whether they have already been carried out, without Planning permission:

- a. the replacement of windows, and
- b. the 1st floor balcony/terrace overlooking the Heath.

We would be particularly concerned about the latter, which is likely to cause nuisance and noise/light pollution when viewed from the Heath.

We ask that these features be investigated, and clarified

We call for outright refusal for the car parking area.