



Regarding planning application: 2016/2580/P at 55 Wilkin Street Mews - proposed ear extension

I realise comments are now closed for this application - but I have been away and have only just seen your letter regarding this application.

Despite not having any objections to the proposed extension, in principle, I do have one comment to make.

In the south/eastern corner of the site there are two intertwined mature trees that the planning application fails to mention. It would be a great shame to lose these trees as they are tall enough to reach to the platform level of Kentish Town West station and thus help to provide screening of the ugly, pre-fabricated steel station waiting room and staircase of the Kentish Town West station from the oasis of green that is the back gardens of our (number 50 PoW Road) and the surrounding houses/flats: 40a (Hampstead Gates) and 40 to 48 Prince of Wales Road, as well as the houses/flats in and around Perren Street - all of which, including the proposed extension are within the Inkermann Conservation Area. The trees also have a number of birds' nests in them and other wild life like squirrels regularly use these and the other trees and bushes in this area.

Whilst the proposed extension does not appear to extend quite to where the trees are - the new wall's foundations look to be within 0.5m of the trees, so damage to their roots is very likely unless specifically catered for. I am also suspicious that since they are not mentioned in the application that they will be quietly removed.

For your information the site and proposed extension is directly behind the rear boundary of our back garden, which is how we know about the trees, as they overhang our garden.

You are welcome to visit us and view the site from our perspective.

Regards,

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