

Peres Da Costa, David

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 August 2016 10:04
To: Peres Da Costa, David
Subject: Objection to 2016/2997/P at 28 Redington Road

Dear Mr Peres da Costa,

I object to the above application. Applicant proposes to demolish an authentic Arts and Crafts house of great heritage value and replace it with nauseating pastiche.

The proposal harms the conservation area by failing to preserve (indeed, actively demolishing) a heritage house that makes a strong positive contribution to the area. The existing building can be easily upgraded and restored, thereby both preserving and enhancing the area - there is no need to knock it down.

The proposed building is bland pastiche that makes a mockery of the heritage of the area. It is beyond me how the applicant can argue that this design enhances the historical setting of the area - by that argument, Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle would enhance the historical setting. It is absurd.

Moreover, the arboricultural report shows that construction is proposed inside the tree protection area of an alarming number of trees covered by a TPO, including a veteran oak and the mature copper beech in the front garden that is of such high amenity value to the street. Self-serving arguments in the report notwithstanding, it should be kept in mind that a root protection zone is already the minimum area that should be left alone to avoid harm to the tree, so construction activity inside this area would damage the tree. A TPO was issued specifically to protect these trees from harm; allowing construction activity inside the RPZ of these trees would be culpably reckless.

I urge you to refuse.

Kind regards
Rob Hagemans
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