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: 2016/6143/P

Address: 52 South Hill Park NW3
Description: Roof extension; roof terrace

Case Officer: Charlotte Meynell Date: 1 December 2016

This is an extremely conspicuous site, overlooking No 1 Heath Pond, forming part of one of the most notable Heath views, seen by many thousands of public visitors. Its importance to the character of "public Hampstead" cannot be overemphasised.

We always oppose roof extensions when they break into the skyline of a building; this is a prime example of this. That, together with the terrace proposed at roof level, is destructive to the architecture of the house, and harmful to the character of our Conservation Area.

The applicants imply that other houses in South Hill Park display similar features, and that precedents have been set. There can be no acceptable precedent for such a damaging proposal, and we make great objection to it. The fact that much of this group of houses has become over the years a shantytown of badly designed, unrelated, ugly alterations is no reason to accept further degradation.

Please refuse.