



Our names are Betty and Roy van Gelder and we have lived for the past 49 years at 4 Strathray Gardens London NW34NY and object to the Hall School's Application on the grounds of its bad design totally unsuited to the splendid houses in our conservation area which are greatly admired especially those in Eton Avenue and in our road. We are also worried about the general over-development of the plan and its effect on traffic and the environment.

We are also greatly worried about the work below the ground increasing the basement area. As you know there is a row of poplars at the back of our garden and those in Crossfield Road which stretches the whole length of the back gardens of all the houses on our side of Strathray Gardens and is a special feature. These trees are protected by law and are over 100 years old - their roots will be affected by the Hall Schools basement plan and some of these trees are not in the sturdiest condition. If they should fall (as one already has) the damage will be considerable and in the worst circumstances a danger to life and limb.

The Hall School has a good reputation, indeed in the thirties I was a student there as were my three brothers and later my two sons and I wish it well but of late The Hall appears to have no thoughts about its relationship with its neighbours in our community (viz the swimming pool application) and now this mammoth development. That is very sad and is a block on its copybook.

Yours faithfully

Betty and Roy van Gelder