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To: Planning; Ryan, Angela

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Subject: 2014/4429/p

Attachments: pre-application roof pitch & height reduced .jpeg; Trees 13 & 14 re roots.PDF; MMA

PROPOSED PLANS_3042_240-371.PDF

Dear Allen Gillespie, Seonaid Carr & Angela Ryan

Since Angela Ryan sent me her email, I have caught up with most of the relevant information on your website. Please forgive me for a somewhat disjointed response.

I could re-write my responses, and set them into a proper sequential paper. However I fear that in the time it takes for that, things will have moved on at Camden to the point that I am too late for influencing any implementation of enforcement. The last email from Angela Ryan informed us that she is due back on January 31st. I hope to have been able to send this rough draft by the previous weekend ie by the 28th.

1. Does a "minor material" amendment mean "minor" in relation to the materials used; or as an amendment which is "minor" in relation the scheme itself? See attached photo: 'pre-application - roof pitch & height reduced.' [bottom left drawing changed to bottom right version]. Design & access statement paras 3.3.13 to 3.3.14, following 'pre-app meeting 01' refer to this.

There can be no doubt but that the developers accepted at the first step of their contact with Camden planning, a <u>reduction in height</u> as a precondition for any application for a block of flats in the garden of Otto Schiff House.

What a nerve they have, to have requested <u>raising</u> the roof within a few months of finishing.

3.3.17 refers to "lightwells" requested by the developers. "LBC asked that.. .those at the rear... be reduced". In the event, what is now being

put up in the rear Mansard roof is a vast single window, in effect a huge cyclopean lightwell.

Did the developers really think that no one would notice these two increases, from when they had promised at the pre-app meetings to deliver reductions?

- 3.3.22 states conclusions agreed by LBC and the applicants. they include:
- the overall height of block to 02 was reduced to below that of the existing house (block 01) and the neighbouring 12 Netherhall gardens, to ensure that is not overly dominant in the street
- Pitch of dormers to block 02 were reduced from 55 inches to 48 inches in accordance with others on the street and therefore the overall size was been also reduced
- 2. In 3.3.35 it was agreed that at least 8 of the existing 19 trees on the site will be retained. It is sad to see that since 2012 when this agreement was reached, the total has fallen to 6. Even now two of those are so weak and feeble that they have togo and be replaced with tall cedars.

It is my opinion that replacing those trees is unlikely to last because there is such a narrow slot between the boundary wall with South Hampstead school, and the driveway up from the underground car park, that the £2000-worth of trees are very unlikely to flourish. After all, the two failing trees are already smaller than the cedars, and they are barely able to keep going.

Overall the developer seems to have taken little care to protect any trees. I he had, we would have heard more, and seen more done about their preservation earlier than now. I suppose £2,000 is a small price for a developer to pay to shut up the LBC - and us.

Let's face it, by the time the new trees die, the developers will have taken their profit and moved on to their next project.

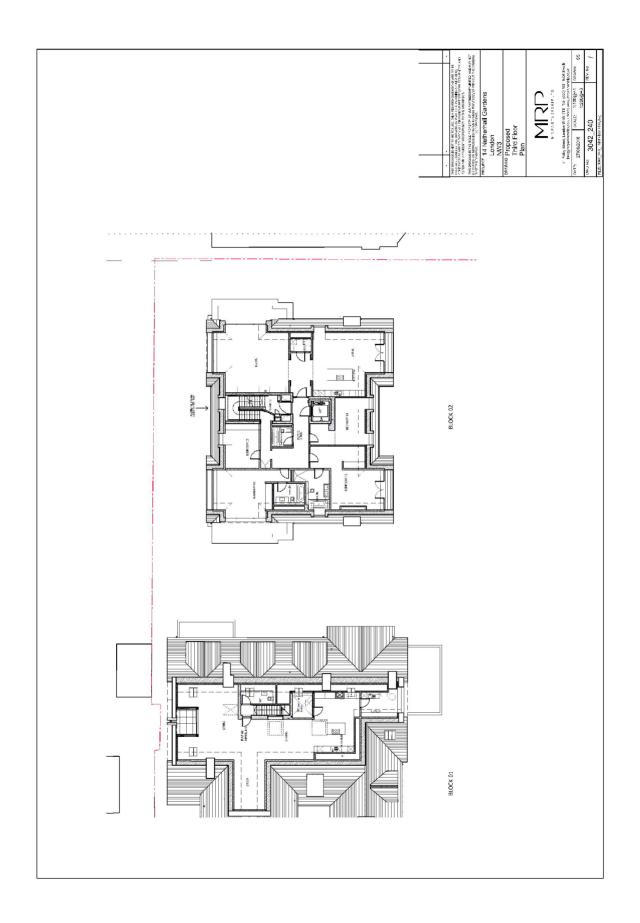
It is clear that it is too late to do anything constructive about trees 4 years on, in this "Sylvan" (as Mr Barrel described it in 2013) conservation area.

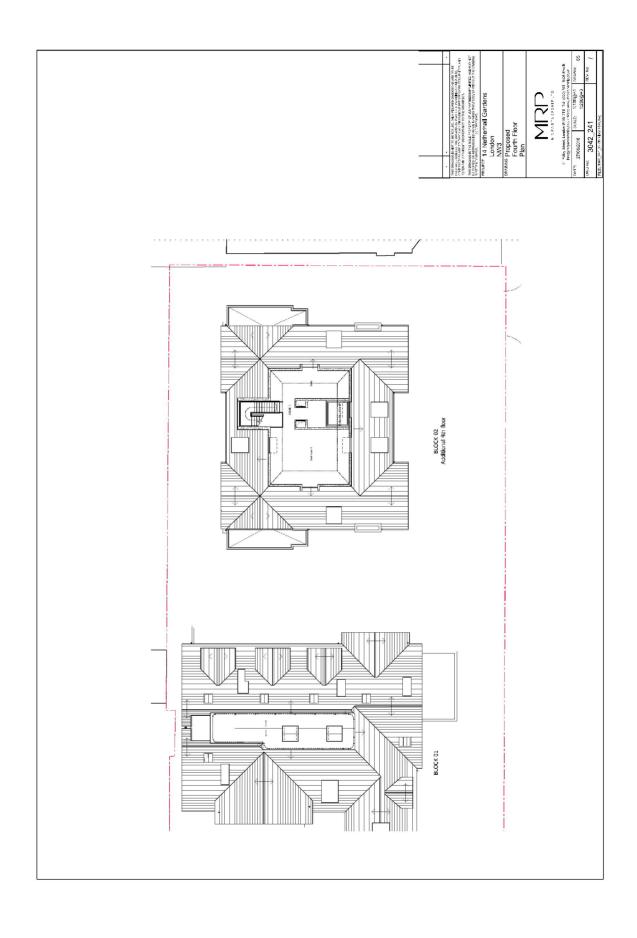
3. Whichever meaning of "minor material" is accepted, I suggest to you that these is no "minor" changes.

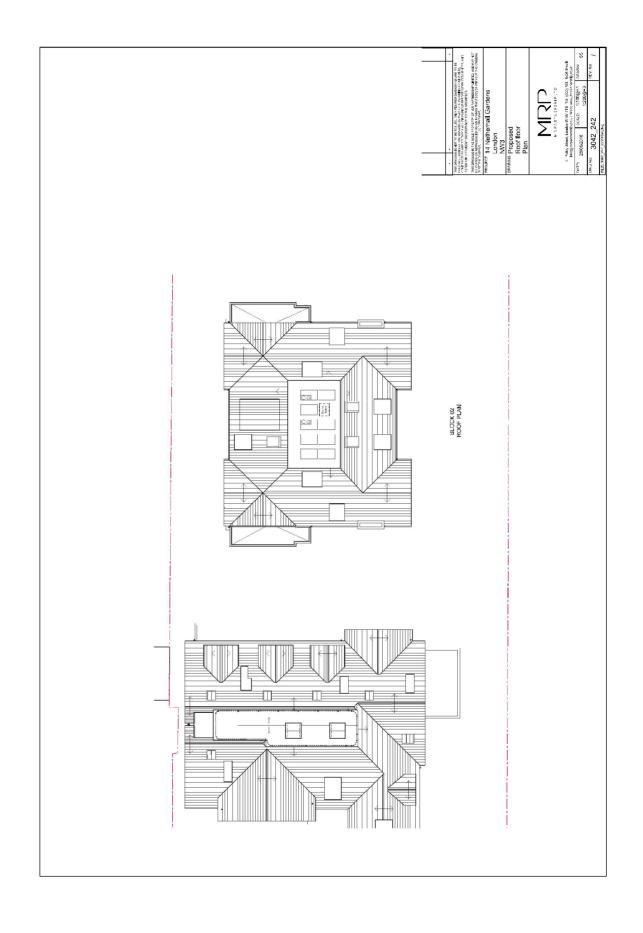
My emails to Mr Gillespie of Jan 7 and 10 give some more details.

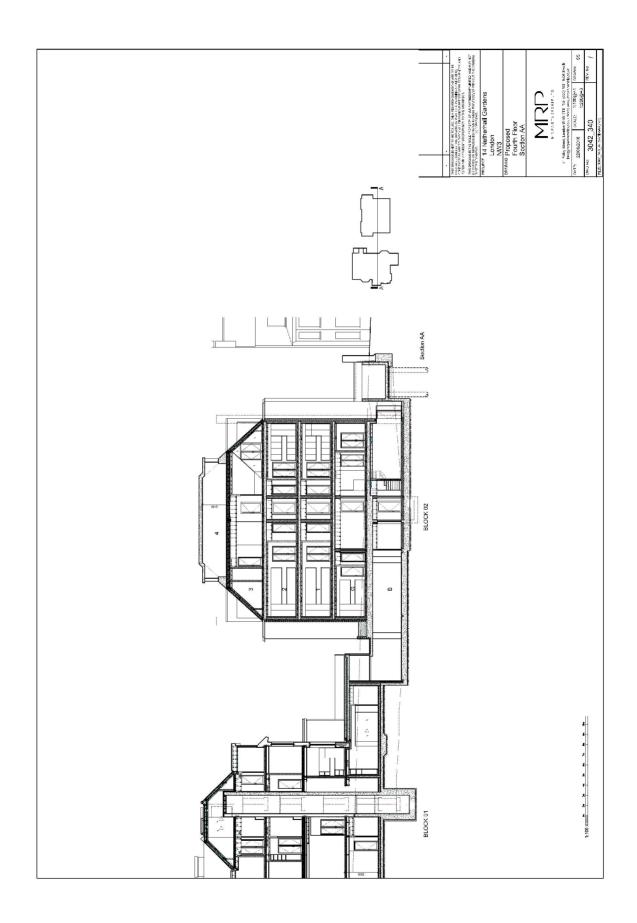
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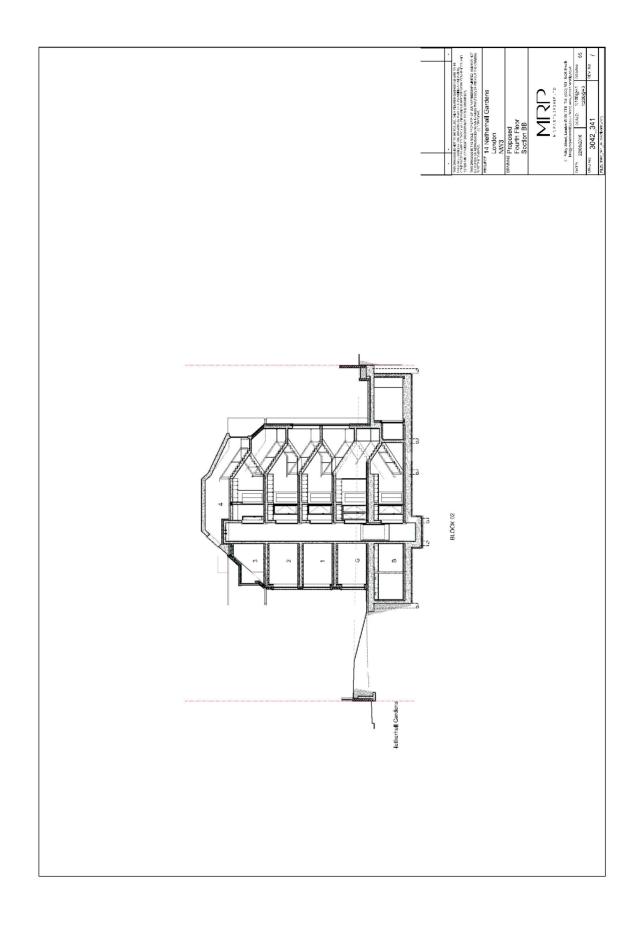
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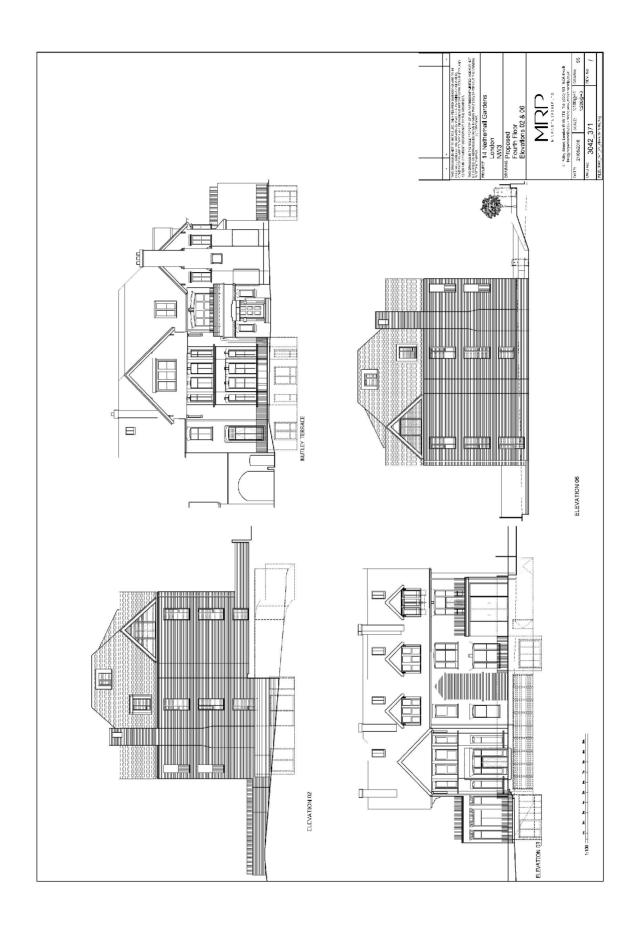












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Proposed Black 02 - Pre Application Meeting 02



Proposed Block 02 - Metal and Stone balustrades, Stone Framing to Windows



Proposed Block 02 - April 2012, following pre-application discussions with L. Elevational changes and roof pitch and height reduced.