



Dear Ms Henry

I have sent the following comment back to the Council via the online application form:

I am a resident of Heath Drive, in the same neighbourhood as the site, and frequently walk past it. I have often noted how out of place the existing building is and wondered how it ever came to be approved. This ugly-angled 1970s building feels like an irrelevant attempt to infill a space between elegant neighbouring buildings. I can imagine that it is not straightforward to build well on this rather narrow site between grand buildings, and in my view the architects who have designed the replacement building have succeeded in producing a good design. The proposed house fits the site well, does nothing to detract from the neighbouring buildings whilst adding a suitably element of modernity to the street. I can see how the modernity references older architectural styles which are present in the area, and I believe this works well. Personally I'd question the oval window on the front elevation, but this is a detail. I'd also comment on two other issues - the chestnut tree and the fact that the existing house was occupied by Baroness Serota. Regarding the tree, the expert's report clearly demonstrates that the tree is virtually dead, so even if it looked good, (which isn't the case), it would only be a matter of time before it had to be removed. Regarding the connection to Baroness Serota, my view is that a historic figure has to be exceptionally important, and that person's house a key element of the individual history, to require that their house be retained forever. The Freud Museum and Keats House would be examples of that, but in most cases a plaque should be a sufficient memorial.

I realise that I may have missed the deadline for comments, but I hope that you will find a way to include mine.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Kate,

I find the planning application for the above site excessive and overdevelops the site.

I am writing to object to this proposal.

Best,

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