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By email only

Dear Mr Diver,

RE: Planning Application Reference 2017/5176/P - 26 West Hill Park, London N6 6ND

On behalf of the Highgate Society, I would like to submit the following objection to the above application for the following reasons:-

- 1. This application must be judged in conjunction with the application 2017/5178/P for a rear extension on the basis that if granted both could and quite probably would be built so it is the combined effect that should be what is judged. There is a worrying tendency to divide applications into a number of smaller applications, each of which might be acceptable on its own but collectively they become completely unacceptable. By dividing applications into two or more smaller ones the applicants avoid presenting the overall effect of what they might actually get consent to build. It is our belief that such multiple applications should be strongly discouraged pre-application by the guidance given on your website.
- 2. HNP policy DH4: Side Extensions states, "should be sensitive to and respect the character of the streetscape and not block or significantly infill gaps between buildings... The gaps between dwellings, often providing views of mature rear gardens, are an important feature of many residential streets of Highgate and contribute positively to the conservation areas". This proposal significantly reduces the gap between dwellings and thus has makes a negative contribution to the conservation area.

On the basis of the above, therefore, the Highgate Society strongly objects to this application to extend the dwelling at 26 West Hill Park on the grounds that it will cause substantial and irreparable harm to the Conservation Area.



David Richmond,

Highgate Society Planning Group

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