



The Heath & Hampstead Society

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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: 2015/4373/P

Address: 13 Kemplay Road NW3

Description: New house

Case Officer:

Date: 24 January 2018

This application, decisions on which have been delayed for some time, is now to be considered by you in the near future.

We made objections to the proposal, at several stages of its development, on
9 September 2015, and
11 April 2016.

We ask you to revisit our previous comments, which remain valid today.

We will not repeat our previous objections in detail, but must now emphasise that the gist of our comments focussed on the essential need to preserve an appropriate setting for the adjacent church, built in 1862 as a Unitarian chapel by Thomas Worthington, now known as the Rosslyn Hill Chapel. You will of course be aware that it is listed Grade 2. Its listing was as much to do with the site's ancient existence as a place of worship as its architecture. It has great historic importance to Hampstead.

It is presently somewhat hemmed in by the 1955 housing development on Kemplay Road, but those houses (including No 13) are unassuming and neutral in design and character. The replacement house on the site of No 13 is not unassuming or neutral; it is a banal design quite out of character both with Kemplay Road and, more importantly, the Rosslyn Chapel.

Our purpose now in reasserting our previous objections is to commend and support wholeheartedly the new Heritage Statement prepared on behalf of local residents by AHP Architecture History Practice, dated December 2017. It expresses our views very fully and professionally, and we must insist that it is considered in every detail before any decision on 2015/4373/P is made.

Please refuse.