



The Heath & Hampstead Society

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: 2018/1786/P

Address: 4 Froggnal Close NW3

Description: Side and rear extensions

Case Officer: Stuart Clapham

Date: 5 June 2018

We commented on proposals to extend this house in 2015 (see our letter dated 3 November 2015). These proposals do not vary much from those made 3 years ago; they are still unacceptable.

The applicants plainly have no concept of how notable an example of 1930's architecture they own. Their comment, in the D/A Statement, that it is "not listed, or is of any historic significance" is not based on fact; the house is in fact Locally Listed, and one of Ernest Freud's best works. It sits in a carefully designed open courtyard plan, and contributes significantly to the character of this part of Hampstead.

The basis of Freud's architecture is a meticulously proportioned composition of window and door openings, of domestic scale. This proposal would damage this concept, in size, scale and detail; the large expanses of uninterrupted glazing are quite out of character with the existing designs of all the houses in the group.

We call for the distinctive design and scale of the architecture to be respected; this would not be difficult to achieve without disturbing the plan form of the alterations.

In the absence of this recognition, we ask for refusal.