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Subject: The Hampstead Figure Sculpture, Planning Application Ref: 2018/2340/P

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Dear Mr McClue,

I object to the re-siting of this Grade II listed Hampstead Figure Sculpture to Adelaide Road at the back of the Sports Hall, as referred to in Planning Application Ref: 2018/2340/P.

In this position it will be LESS VISIBLE TO THE MAJORITY OF USERS of the whole park complex and will not enhance the setting of the sculpture as it COMPLETELY IGNORES its intended relationship with the library.

The sculpture was commissioned as part of the group of civic buildings for the borough of Hampstead by Sir Basil Spence, of which the Library is the only remaining component.

In his report allowing the 'Swiss Cottage Avenue Road development' [18.02.16] the Planning Inspector agreed to allow the relocation of the Hampstead Figure but recommended "repositioning with careful thought...to substantially enhance the setting of the sculpture and its relationship with the library" [IR. 284]

The proposed location on Adelaide Road fails to follow the Inspector's recommendation.

It makes the MOST SENSE to leave it WHERE IT PRESENTLY IS, which is outside the curtilage of the 100 Avenue Road site area.


Of the other options set out, Option 2 on a raised grass mound DIRECTLY in front of the library, while at the same time commanding a good all round view, is acceptable, giving it the prominence which Sir Basil Spence wanted.

This is such an important issue that we would request a proper public consultation with the local community about the appropriate location.

If there is any meeting about this which the public can join, I would like to be invited to make a small presentation.

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