

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2018/3929/P	Simon Parry-Wingfield	13/09/2018 12:12:48	OBJ	<p>Re : 2018/3929/P - 18 Lancaster Grove</p> <p>I object to the proposed amendments to the original planning permission. The gables, pediment and other agreed features are in my opinion integral to making the building appear coherent and consistent with the local environment. As currently constructed the building is totally out of character with its surroundings and presents a very bulky, bland, stark and domineering façade on a street that has plenty of character and charm, which this new building completely lacks. As it stands there is nothing that breaks up the bulk of the building or softens its square lines. It needs the agreed features to make it blend in.</p> <p>If I am not mistaken, the original planning for this location was granted for a house with an Arts &amp; Crafts style design which was intended to enhance the character of the Belsize Conservation area. The house as now proposed is far from that concept and detracts from the local character of the Conservation Area. Furthermore a very similar proposal to erect a building without gables has already been refused before (2016) because it would have been out of keeping with the local area.</p> <p>I also think that a stand must be taken against people who build with total disregard for the planning agreements and then later seek to get the planning changed. It has already been conceded to drop the glazed bar windows, which many local people objected to. I had understood this was agreed on the basis that the remainder of the house would be finished as per the approved planning consent. This incrementalist approach to amending the design seems wrong. Where will it stop? It sets a poor precedent if this is allowed to proceed. Further deviation from the original plans which were approved after much input from local residents should therefore be strongly resisted.</p> <p>For all these reasons, these amendments should be refused and the original planning should be enforced.</p>

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