

The Schreiber House  
9 West Heath Road  
London  
NW3 7UX

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Dear Hazel

**APPLICATION: 2018/1295/P**

With regards to the latest “Heritage Statement” submitted on 7/01/19, we would like to explain why we strongly disagree with the following statement:

**“The proposed new location will provide a number of heritage benefits”**

The Heritage Statement claims relocation of the pool would create

***A MORE APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP WITH NO. 35***

- permission for the construction of 35 Templewood Avenue was granted on the premise that Gowan’s iconic pool would remain in situ and be maintained by future owners - the pool is meant to be considered the more important of the two structures. Therefore, in order to improve the relationship between the 2 structures, it is the house that should be modified, *not the pool*.

***A MORE OPEN SETTING*** for the pool

- it would be the opposite - the pool will be moved towards the road and significantly lowered into a corner surrounded by approximately 8ft walls - Gowan’s desired elevated pool, above and away from the road, unimpinged by hard structures and engulfed in greenery would be lost. Currently structural views from the pool are only visible when looking back towards Boncara - in its new low location, the pool would be surrounded and impinged.
- Sitting upon these walls are tall hedges, the combined height of wall and hedge over 15ft. The walls and hedge screen the Boncara development from passers-by enjoying the greenery of the Conservation area. This section of West Heath Road has escaped the unfortunate barring of houses seen west of Redington Road – if the hedges were removed, it would create a break in an uninterrupted ‘green corridor’.

1. West Heath Road APPROVED Application: **2017/4549/L**

The pool in its current location, hedges intact.

A misrepresentation of the significance of the wall and hedges – see pic 3 & 4 for accurate proportions



2. West Heath Road PROPOSED Application: **2018/1295/P**



*Both hedges on West Heath Road and along the party wall are removed*

3. West Heath Road Summer 2018: the same view as No 1 & 2



- In pictures 1 & 2, the wall and hedge do not appear to give screening as they are reduced in height.
- Picture 3 demonstrates that neither the house or pool are visible to passers-by

4. Party Wall Hedge (between 35 Templewood Avenue and The Schrieber House)





### *THE REINTRODUCTION OF ITS ORIGINAL MOUND*

- This reintroduction of the mound was already a condition in granting the Listed Building Application: 2017/4549/L June 2018

### *THE REINTRODUCTION OF ITS ORIGINAL GEORGIAN WIRED GLASS ROOFING MATERIAL*

- The developer does not need to move the pool to do this – he should do this as part of his restoration in-situ.

This latest expensive and slick brochure seems to be yet another attempt to convince Camden Planning that the motivation to move this listed building is for Heritage Benefit.

However, as has been previously shown, the developers aim is to move the pool to allow further extension of the existing building.

Please feel free to contact us should you wish to discuss any aspect of the application with us. We are very highly motivated to help protect this architectural gem.

Yours sincerely

Simon and Virginia Kirsch