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Dear Mr Farrant,

I hav recently been made aware of an application for 9 Pilgrim's Lane and - whilst the formal consultation period has now closed - wanted to raise with you my objections on behalf of the community. You have already received a number of objections, which I hope to support, as I understand that this has not yet been taken to the Members Briefing.

Policy DH2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan states that "Development proposals must seek to protect and/or enhance buildings (or other elements) which make a positive contribution to the Conservation area". Section 3.12 reads:

"Harm to a designated or non-designated heritage asset would include development that through its height, mass, profile or quality, obstructs or degrades that asset or its setting. "

The heritage statement includes the justification that "The addition is to be designed in a contemporary idiom which is readily distinguishable from the main house". In my view this is contrary to policy DH2 of the HNP as it develops the mass of a heritage asset in a way which degrades it from its existing heritage condition.

Given that the proposal is for a grade II listed property within a conservation area, I really would suggest that a cautious approach should be used, which the current proposal does not appear to me to be.

I hope that this will help to support the considerations put forwards by residents near the property. Please do reach out with any comments or to ask any questions of me, should I be able to help.

Kind regards,  
Maria

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