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To: Planning

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We write in support of the application at Oak Hill House.

We have been involved as architects with the project since April 2018 when the clients were in the process of purchasing the two properties which they were to combine to create a single family home.

The applicants are a young couple with young children. They run their own company in the heart of Hampstead. They send their children to a local school and nursery and are expecting to grow their family.

Mrs Alexeeva's mother occupies an adjacent attached property to Oak Hill House. She is very much part of the family in regard to caring for the children and school drop off and collection. This was very much a consideration in the plan to purchase and combine the properties.

Camden should facilitate environments where families grow and thrive especially at a time where families are moving away from Camden because it is not affordable. It is important to support and encourage the development of communities where families are encouraged to stay long term especially where children are attending local schools, adults are working within the local area and different generations are nearby to facilitate and nurture a strong family environment. All of these apply to this situation and we believe Camden should be in support of this application.

In addition, the proposals have been carefully considered and the application respects the local conservation area and the quality of living accommodation and the building itself will improve as a result of the proposed alterations.

We believe the application should be recommended for approval both in regard to policy matters and the exceptional circumstances which are mentioned above.

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