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Sent: 27 June 2019 16:09
To: Planning [REDACTED]
Subject: Ref 2019/0682/P 62 Hillfield Road NW6.

I am writing to raise my concerns at the proposal to erect a new house at the Mill Lane end of the garden of 62 Hillfield Road NW6.

My reasons are as follows:

- 1. Traffic congestion.** This part of Mill Lane is a very congested area for both road traffic and pedestrians. A combination of a bend in the road and the presence of (legitimately) parked cars means that traffic flow is often obstructed at this point. This is exacerbated by the fact that the road is a bus route and is also used by many lorries and cars crossing between the major routes of Finchley Road (A41), West End Lane and Kilburn High Road/Shoot Up Hill (A5). The addition of a new building requiring road access in such a tight area would add to this congestion.
- 2. Pedestrian flow** on this side of the road is already difficult due to the presence of many dropped pavements for garage and house access. Pedestrians should be able to walk along Mill Lane unhindered on the north side of the road to access the local shops and the pedestrian crossing, as well as on the south side.
- 3. Overcrowding of the urban space.** The addition of another major residence close to the road would further reduce the relatively open aspect that the gardens on Mill Lane have provided.

This has already been diminished substantially by the granting of several permissions to build houses in gardens further along the road - the existence of which should not be seen as a precedent for yet more garden 'infill' - particularly at a point in the road which is already congested (see 1 and 2 above)

It is also noted that there appears to be less garden length between the houses in this part of Hillfield Road and Mill Lane - thus adding to the problem of overcrowded space.

Regards
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