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Attn.: Mr. Thomas Sild
Planning Officer
Camden Council
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RE: Planning Application 2019/2964/P, 4b Hampstead Hill Gardens.

Dear Mr. Sild:

I am writing to you as a resident of Hampstead Hill Gardens to express my very strong opposition to the proposed plans to radically redevelop 4b Hampstead Hill Gardens (2019/2964/P).

The proposal is too dramatic and too radical a design for the site on which it is proposed, for our road and for the Hampstead Conservation Area. The plan to double the size of the building on such a small footprint of land requires building vertically up and down in a way which would epitomise overbuilding. The design results in a massive, hulking structure looming over the road and would compromise the amenity of public walkways, the street and neighbouring properties.

Hampstead Hill Gardens is a part of the 50 year old Hampstead Conservation Area: What is proposed would most certainly violate many of the principles enshrined in the Conservation Area Statement as well as the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan. This damage should not be allowed.

The Applicant has every right to update his property, to improve it in a way which is consistent with Camden policies and the Conservation Area in which it sits. However, what the Applicant proposes goes much too far, is far too intrusive and truly offends good sense and the rules which have made this road such a pleasant place to live.

The application does nothing to improve housing conditions in Camden but only increases space for the Applicant's family. But it does this at great cost to the community from environmental degradation; noise, vibration and dust from building works; loss of green spaces and open areas; reduction of sunlight to many neighbouring homes and gardens; the setting of an awful precedent for other basement/tower block applications; and the destruction of a streetscape which is protected precisely because of its consistency of design, materials, size and shape.

I urge you to reject this application.

Kind regards,



Alexandra G. Berman.