

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/4214/P	Francoise Findlay Chairman Elsworthy Residents Association Member of BCAAC	11/12/2019 19:41:04	OBJ	<p>This application has not changed much since its predecessor 2018/1245/P to which I objected. It is disappointing that none of the comments I made then have been taken into account. I cannot find any justification for the introduction of an additional vehicular access. It is an error to say the house dates from 1920 when I believe it is an original William Willett 1901/1903. "Inverclyde" or "Ruscombe". Willett was not a believer in "symmetry" and this is therefore no argument for creating an in and out drive.</p> <p>There is ample room for manoeuvre within the hard standing as has been exemplified by all the contractors' vehicles these past three years.</p> <p>The newly commissioned parking survey that attempts to justify the loss of three on-street parking spaces gives a false impression since it only covers the hours of weekday nights. It takes no account of visitors or contractors who use Camden residents' parking vouchers. They have completely ignored the needs of the relatives and friends who visit the old people's home, Compton Lodge, opposite number 28, and who use these Camden parking vouchers. The report also disregards the value of the free parking at weekends that facilitates visitors, not only to the houses but also to the Swiss Cottage leisure centre, library, hotel and events at Compton Lodge. The survey fails to mention there is no pay and display alternative in Harley Road, Wadham Gardens or Elsworthy Road for visitors. The survey is of very little value.</p> <p>The loss of the parking spaces contravenes the Camden policy of March 2019.</p> <p>Despite the extensive material submitted for the application there is very little detail of the proposed landscaping which is so essential to the Willett "garden suburb" ideal and to the street scene of the conservation area.</p> <p>There are trees to be removed but no mention of any replacements and the two that remain have not been respected and protected so far and there is little confidence that this will change in future. There is no detail of the type of hedge nor of the round blobs that indicate unspecified planting. Virtually the whole space is given to grey granite sets that will not be porous, and provides a very sterile environment.</p> <p>There is no pedestrian gate which would seem impractical.</p> <p>Camden now require bicycle storage and that is not apparent.</p> <p>More importantly it seems the bins will be parked somewhere on the hardstanding as there is no provision indicated to conceal them.</p> <p>Sadly the railings are shown to be like those that existed previously and which were not harmonious with the Willett house. Originally there was only privet hedging for boundaries and therefore it would be preferable to have the hedge planted in front of any new railings.</p>