

HCAAC Objects to this application. The proposed replacement building is out of scale and unnecessarily unsympathetic to the adjoining and adjacent buildings. It seems to be 'the finger' at the CA and the immediate setting.

The applicant calls in aid examples of design and detailing diversity in the existing buildings generally in Hampstead. This ignores the basis of that original diversity as having been carefully worked out in largely homogenous estate building of the late 19th and early 20th century development. There is also the question of demolition of half of a visible and viable single complex of two semis to be replaced by a deliberately contrasting and out of scale attachment. Examples of new development shown by the applicant also show respect of the heights of adjacent and surrounding buildings as well as of their materials and scale. The lessons seem not to have been learned for this application. This is our initial response which we intend to support with more detailed analysis, time permitting. In the DAS part 1 a new development in Belsize is cited also, apparently unsympathetic to its surroundings although noticeably different as a detached building and whose exact details and setting etc. we may yet explore whether or not already consented.

Comment Type is Objection