

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/5756/P	Louise Lewis	03/01/2020 18:54:23	OBJ	<p>Channing Junior School 1 Highgate High Street London N6 5JR</p> <p>Alterations to boundary wall on Highgate Hill in connection with creation of new vehicular access, installation of gates and reconfiguration of existing car park (including bin enclosure).</p> <p>Application number: 2019/5756/P</p> <p>I strongly object to this application. For many years after destroying a little garden on this site, and turning it into a car park, Channing have wanted to break through this historic wall and make it an entrance into the school. It has always been strongly resisted. An example was the application in 2010, 2010/0761/P which was presumably withdrawn because there were so many objections.</p> <p>When Channing started its current building works, it specifically stated that the gate for works vehicles would be temporary.</p> <p>Permission was granted for 2017/7080/P , subject to the condition that the Design Access Statement, stating, "6.1 General Access to the new buildings will utilise the existing gate leading from Highgate High Street and Highgate Hill. This is the controlled access for staff, pupils and vehicles"</p> <p>The 2018/4925/P CMP report states</p> <p>"The site has a large frontage onto Highgate High Street (B519), a broad carriageway which in total measures some 14 metres in width. It is proposed that a temporary construction vehicle access point is formed on to this road by partially demolishing an existing wall and suspending some 12 metres (2 bays) of pay and display bay."</p> <p>Local residents were concerned to see the wall being knocked down but were reassured by an e-mail from the bursar dated 24-10-2018.</p> <p>"The access we have created was included in our planning application, as part of the Construction Management Plan. This was a requirement of the neighbourhood plan and was included as part of the consultation. The entrance and the associated crossover will provide a safe means to access the site. This would have been difficult, if not impossible, to achieve had we only been able to use the current access which is directly adjacent to the pedestrian crossing. The contractors will be installing temporary gates later this week to provide secure access." Note the use of the word 'temporary'.</p> <p>The objections that were expressed so vehemently in 2010 still stand, namely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an old wall which is significant in the iconic engraving of Highgate Hill and The Bank made in 1820-30 see attached pictures • The change in the wall severely compromises the character of the Conservation Area • The extra access will not be necessary once the building works are complete. • The design will eliminate around five public car parking spaces to allow for 6 vehicles associated with the school. • The rubbish, which will presumably decrease as policies of 'reduce, reuse, recycle, are put in place, can continue to be collected from the Upper Entrance. • The school could more productively use this area to plant trees, or use for rewilding thus ameliorating some of the effects of the trees and planting that have been removed from the site, improving the air quality near the site, and enhancing the visual amenity of this busy road. See attached screen shots of frontage in 2008 and 2019.