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**Sent:** 29 February 2020 17:35  
**To:** English, Rachel <[Rachel.English@camden.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.English@camden.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Planning Application 2019/5835/P - 4b Hampstead Hill Gardens

Dear Ms English,

I am writing in relation to the planning application 2019/5835/P for the house at 4b Hampstead Hill Gardens.

As a local resident of Downshire Hill who has recently completed redevelopment of our property in the same conservation sub-area as the above planning application, I am deeply concerned not only with the preservation of our neighbourhood but also the enhancement of the local streets.

Having studied the documents submitted, I fully support the above application, which should be given full planning permission.

- Unquestionably, the architectural quality of the existing structure from the 1960s is not in keeping with the surrounding conservation area not only from the design point of view and use of material but also the overall height and build of the existing property. The application provides a building of higher architectural quality than the existing 1960s structure, which is most certainly not one of “the large number of listed buildings of architectural interest, the historical association of these buildings in terms of former residents and of the village in the context of the history of London as a whole” that the conservation area was created in 1968 to protect. Therefore, the proposed redevelopment of 4b Hampstead Hill gardens would be a major improvement to the overall feel of the street.
- Although of a modern design, the proposed property would contribute with its well-considered and respectful front facade to the enhancement of this corner of Hampstead Village, which would benefit from the more respectful treatment to the area than the current building. The proposal maintains the “street pattern of the original village” that the conservation area was created to protect.
- The proposed use of bricks in the new-built property, rather than the existing metal cladding, would also be much more appropriate for a street comprising mostly of Grade II listed buildings. This modern building will reflect the character of the area, rather than detracting from it as the current structure does.
- The proposed height of the new building seems more in line with the dimensions of the surrounding properties and does not detract from the skyline. Furthermore, according the Daylight, Sunlight and

Overshadowing Assessment, the proposed development will have a negligible effect upon the availability of direct sunlight to a majority of surrounding outdoor amenity areas.

- In addition, the local community would certainly benefit from allowing a structure that would keep a young growing family with children in local schools, who decide to make Hampstead their home and invest into its future.

In general, the submitted application is very considerate to its surrounding area, an improvement to the existing structure and should be granted full planning permission.

Yours sincerely,

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