

Dear Ms English

I am writing in support of the planning application for 4b Hampstead Hill Gardens,  
2019/5835/P

Having lived in this area for over ten years, I feel it important to consider that the current owner's family have lived in that house since the 1950's. Development and enlargement of the property for a growing family must surely be encouraged. Allowing local people to continue to live in their properties is an endeavour to be encouraged and supported. Rising house prices put areas such as Hampstead Hill Gardens at risk of becoming a ghetto of investment bankers and celebrities to the exclusion of the families and communities that made Hampstead what it is today.

In addition to the desire to support a growing local family, the current building is ugly and clearly out of place on such an otherwise beautiful street. The proposed new design will improve the streetscape and the overall feel of the road. The new house would add to Camden's desire for high quality design and would be far more fitting in Hampstead Hill Gardens in terms of its height and scaling than the current building. The new house will be sited more appropriately on the plot to improve the current layout of houses on the bend on that side of the road, overcoming the current issue with the house being neither back from the front line of the other houses or in line with them. The detailing and visual impact of the new house will be a huge improvement over the current ugly property that is not in any way congruent with the road in which it sits.

I would strongly encourage approval of the planning permission so the current owners could expedite improving the property and enable their growing family to remain in the house that has been in their family for approaching 70 years.