



HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

10 July 2020

Rachel English
Planning Solutions Team
Camden Council

Re: 2019/5835/P, 4b Hampstead Hill Gardens, revised proposal

Dear Ms English,

We appreciate the applicants' efforts to make this proposal more acceptable to the neighbourhood and can sympathise with their desire for a better home. Unfortunately, the downside of building in an area full of character and listed properties is that any new addition must be judged on how it respects and enhances its surroundings.

We found that the original proposal, with its increased height and massing, to be contrary to DH1 of the Neighbourhood Plan, which states that designs should respond "positively and sympathetically to the existing rhythm, proportion, height, scale, massing, materials and storey heights of surround buildings". DH1 also asserts that the amenity and privacy of neighbouring properties must be protected.

The revised proposal does not materially alter the overall massing of the property nor change our opinion that the scale of the property would be jarring next to number 4a. We do not have the expertise to assess the daylight, sunlight and overshadowing report but are concerned that the increased height and depth will overwhelm the garden of 4a and negatively impact the amenity of residents of no. 6.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis
Chair, Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum