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Ben Farrant
Camden Planning Solutions Team

Re: Application reference no. 2020/3911/P, 24 Kemplay Road

Dear Ben,

We are concerned that the proposal will further erode an exceedingly small garden, currently dominated by an office building, contrary to Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan NE2 (1) and Camden Local Plan A3 (m).

In the Heritage Statement, the applicant argues that the proportion of soft landscaping to hard landscaping will be improved but neglects to mention that until 2017, the garden hosted a large sycamore. When applying for permission to fell this tree (2017/5033/T), the applicant stated that they wished to replace this tree with a "Silver Birch 12-14 girth which would be a more elegant specimen in keeping with the landscape." This was not planted.

If Camden decides to approve this development, the Forum suggests that it attaches a condition to the permission to require that a tree such as a Silver Birch be planted to mitigate the loss of potential garden area.

Sincerely,

Vicki Harding Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum