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 Planning: Farrant, Ben

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Dear Mr Farrant,

Re: 2020/5214/P

My family and I live at 9 Frognal Gardens. Our home is directly across the road from 18a Frognal Gardens and we strongly object to the revised planning application submitted on 25 November for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposed new 18a building is not at all appropriate for our road and would damage the existing landscape of the street. As proposed in its current form, it will be much bigger, more imposing, and taller by a storey than the house that it adjoins (number 18b). Number 18a currently sits on the top bend of the road the road declines from that point towards Frognal and most of the houses down that part of the road (including ours) are low rise; the greater height will therefore cause a loss of privacy for the immediate neighbours, including our home which sits directly across the road from it.
- 2. The lime green facade proposed is overwhelming and out of scale (both as a result of the extra height as noted above, but also due to the general proposed style of the house) and is inappropriate for both our area and as a semi-detached house. If this was a detached house within its own grounds (and not closely surrounded by houses of a completely different and established style) it may be a different matter, but as a semi-detached house the proposed style jars against its adjoining house and prejudices the look of that house (as well as the overall appearance of the street, as the house is simply not in keeping with any other house on the road).
- 3. We are very concerned that the basement proposed would damage nearby houses (including ours). The developers confirm in their report that there is a chance of subsidence and other damage and as our home is directly opposite, this is of a great concern and causing us a great deal of stress. What recourse and safeguards would neighbours affected by any damage caused in relation to this have? It is very important that this should be considered and reported back to us. Responsibility should be taken by the owners of 18a for any damage caused by their proposed actions and if they are not prepared to take this responsibility, then we cannot see how they can be permitted to proceed with the proposed basement.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

