

**Crestview 47 Dartmouth Park Hill NW5 1JB - 2021/0598/P Closing 18/04/21**

"Installation of telecommunications equipment on rooftop comprising 6 x antennas on tripod structures, 4 x dishes, 8 x cabinets and ancillary works, including 1 x meter cabinet at ground level on public highway."

This is a shortened version of comments drafted by Amanda Evans, a director of Crestview.

Crestview is already highly visible on the skyline and has a rooftop level similar to that of St Mary's. Any structure placed on top of the roof would not only protrude the skyline but would dominate and severely detract from the appearance of the church. The wide, open aspect of Crestview (together with St Mary's Brookfield) allows visibility from considerable distances and would impact on views from not only the DPCA but also Hampstead Heath, Holly Lodge Estate CA, Camden Highgate CA and beyond (See attached photos). Whilst being on the Eastern border of the DPCA, this point on Dartmouth Park Hill is contiguous to the St. John's Conservation Area, Islington, on the other side of the road. St. Mary's Brookfield is a Grade II\* listed building which together with Grove Terrace and Holly Village comprise the three II\* locations listed within the DPCA.

There is no natural screening offered by mature trees, nor any man-made screening in the form of buildings. Nor are there any existing rooftop features which could minimise the visual impact on the skyline and to the surrounding areas. Any attempt to 'disguise' the installation would accentuate it even further.

Visual clutter, in such an exposed position, would cause serious visual harm not only to the CA as a whole but particularly to the adjacent landmark and listed building of St Mary's. Their drawings show the full height of these installations to be the equivalent of at least two storeys above the roof-line. The thin, asphalt roof is not designed to take any weight or 'traffic'; noise caused by the vibrations of the cabinets and any wind resistance.

To summarise, we believe that any telecommunications equipment on the roof of Crestview would create substantial harm to the DPCA, its skyline and in particular to the character and setting of the Grade II\* listed St Mary's Brookfield church, our local heritage asset. More importantly it will be widely visible from Hampstead Heath.



(From Haddo House)



(From Holly Lodge Estate)



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