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From: Christine Pullen [REDACTED]  
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Dear Ms Constantinescu,

I am writing to you to raise an objection to the above application.

As Camden Planning Department records will show, Grove Lodge has been significantly enlarged since the present owners purchased it. Before then Netley Cottage was a separate property divided from Grove Lodge by a wall that had been in place since the houses were built in the late eighteenth century. Both houses, which are sited at the heart of 'Old Hampstead', are of considerable historical significance.

Grove Lodge, originally an ancient farm house was, during the last century, the home of the novelist and Nobel Laureate John Galsworthy, who wrote part of his series of novels "The Forsyth Sage" while he was living there between 1918 and his death in 1933.

Netley Cottage also had a number of distinguished occupants including John Duke Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of England and great nephew of the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Adolphus Ward, historian and Fellow of the British Academy. Netley Cottage was also, for a time, the home of Charles Appleton, founder of the influential literary and scientific Victorian journal 'The Academy' in 1869. While Appleton lived in Netley Cottage frequent visitors were his friends, the art critic Sidney Colvin the his friend and lodger, the novelist Robert Louis Stevenson, who both lived nearby at Abernathay House in Mount Vernon.

Therefore, if the present owner gets permission to link the two properties - Grove Lodge and Netley Cottage - it will not only utterly contravene both the spirit and the letter of the Hampstead Conservation Area and the Camden local plan but will also be an act of historical vandalism.

I would also like to add that at no time has the owner of Grove Lodge and Netley Cottage sought to consult the local residents about the proposed scheme and it has only recently come to my notice - hence the delay in registering my objection.

Yours sincerely

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