

26 October 2021

Obote Hope Camden Planning Solutions Team

Re: Planning Reference 2021/3160/P, 5 Pilgrim's Lane

Dear Obote,

The Forum would like to see further information on the proposed "metal bifolding gates" to the front boundary. Solid boundary gates are not characteristic of Pilgrim's Lane and the only other property with gates in front of off-street parking is at the opposite end of the street, and these gates are visually permeable, replicating the railings of nearby buildings.

DH1 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan requires new designs to be sympathetic to established building lines and arrangements of front gardens, walls, railings, or hedges.

The D&A Statement seeks to assure that additional planting in the front garden would be added to mitigate the loss of trees felled without permission. If the Council approves the application, the Forum recommends that the conditions require specific species.

We are unpersuaded that the air conditioning units are necessary and note that a similar proposal for 8 Pilgrim's Lane was withdrawn.

We have no objections to other aspects of the proposal but query whether the additional hard landscaping could be used to park a third car, which would be contrary to Camden Local Plan Policy T2.

Yours sincerely,

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