



Subject: Objection to planning application Number2021/3160/P – 5 Pilgrim’s Lane NW3 1SJ

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Dear Obote Hope,

There are several issues in this application and as a result it should not be approved in its current form:

-trees

-car park

-air conditioning

These three matters are contrary to Camden’s policies 1, CC1, CC2 and CC4 on climate change and air quality matters as well as Policy SI 4 of the London Plan 2021. Furthermore, instead of reducing air pollution this application will do the opposite.

This application also does not comply either with Policy D1 of the local plan since its does not incorporate best practice in climate change mitigation or integrates well with the surrounding street or positively contributes to the street frontage neither does it “preserves trees and garden spaces which contribute to the character and appearance of a conservation area or which provide a setting for Camden’s architectural heritage.”

1-Trees

The enclosed photos are clear evidence that over the last 5 years a set of healthy and tall trees, that provided significant amenity in this prime street in a conservation area, have been tempered with, between 2015 and 2018, and finally annihilated in 2020.

The Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum also raised this issue in its letter of objection on 24th November 2020.

Please also note that Elizabeth Beaumont, Head of enforcement at Camden Council, has committed in an email dated 6th April 2021 “that officers will be seeking replacement trees following the unauthorised removal of the trees” and the Council “will be taking steps to secure a suitable replacement”.

2 - Car Park

Whilst we welcome the conversion of a garage into a room, we oppose the proposed addition of a second and new car space in front of the garden.

There is already one car space in front of the house and a second one should not be authorized. This is all the more so that this second proposed car space is in lieu of where the trees were unlawfully severed. Furthermore, Pilgrim’s Lane is a narrow one-way street at this location.

3- Air conditioning unit

The proposal of two new air conditioning units is in violation of several policies including Policy SI 4 of the Local Plan that was approved in March 2021.

Please refuse this application in its current form and until such time that the above issues have been squarely addressed. Thank you.

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