From: Miriam Baptist
Sent: 08 March 2022 11:52
To: Planning Planning

Subject: FW: 282 Finchley Road 2021/6220/P

Attachments: H&HS Objection 282 Finchley Rd rear building by trees.doc

Would you mind uploading and logging this objection please – thank you very much

Miriam Baptist Planning Officer



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Dear Miriam Baptist,

extra vigilance is required.

Please accept the attached letter as an objection to this Retrospective Planning Application.

With all good wishes

Vicki Harding

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Dr Vicki Harding Society Tree Officer Heath & Hampstead Society



The Society examines all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead and Hampstead Heath Fringes, and assesses them for their impact on conservation and on the local environment.

To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team

Planning Ref: 2021/6220/P

Address: Lyncroft Studios, Flat 1 282 Finchley Road

Case Officer: Miriam Baptist
Date: 7th March 2022

Minimal details have been supplied with this application, despite it being retrospective. Planning application ref 2021/6220/P states that the 'date when the work or change of use started' and 'date when the work or change of use completed' were both 1st November 2021. Building Control application No.: 20/6/06785 'Garden hut to be used for storage and occasional office use' however gives the Commencement date as 08 Aug 2016 and Validated date 23 Oct 2020.

The application states that there are no trees in the rear garden. This is not born out in a planning application by 2 Heath Drive that indicated a tree in the rear garden of 282 Finchley Road in 2010. Google Earth views and BING Bird's Eye views indicate trees in the rear area too. This is consistent from 1999 to the end of 2021 though it is hard to see exactly which garden they belong to.

Either way, this building has been built over the roots of the trees very close by and no details have been given about the way this has been achieved, nor what methods have been undertaken to protect the trees. If the site was hand dug and the building floor plate and structure placed on carefully sited screw piles then this could be fine, but we don't know. There has been no Arboricultural Impact Assessment.



Google Earth view taken summer 2020 indicating tree canopy right across the rear garden

Two BING 45° aerial views possibly taken summer 2020 demonstrating trees on or close to the site





We urge that this application be refused, that Camden Tree Officers be asked to review the impact of the construction of this building on trees in the vicinity, and the possibility of enforcement proceedings and eventual tree replacement explored if this becomes necessary.

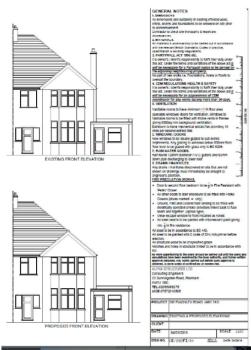
In addition, we note that the Planning Permission obtained for 2019/4111/P 'Erection of single storey rear extension, installation of 2 x rooflights to rear and side roofslope' stated in the Final Decision Notice that:

'All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application. Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy D1 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.'

The existing and proposed front elevations are reproduced below, along with StreetView shots of the front of the building in July 2019 and August 2021. Please note changes to the render and woodwork colours, window frames and front door area, as well as significant thinning of the tree canopy behind which may be an indication of recent damage to the trees consistent with significant Root Protection Zone encroachment.

Thank you

Dr Vicki Harding, Society Tree Officer, Heath & Hampstead Society









August 2021