**REDINGTON FROGNAL**

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

7 March, 2022

Dear Mr. Marfleet,

**Application 2021/6139/P - objection**

The Forum objects to the proposal to install metal gates to front boundary. Metal gates are not a traditional feature of the Redington Frognal Conservation Area. Together with the replacement of front gardens by car parks, they are causing very serious cumulative harm to the Conservation Area, as has been noted in both the 2003 and 2021 Conservation Area appraisals.

The house at 6 Templewood Avenue was designed by Charles Henry Bourne Quennell. It is a non-designated heritage asset, which makes a positive contribution to the Conservation Area. Examples of front boundary treatments with low brick walls and hedges or timber fences are shown in the book Modern Suburban Houses by CHB Quennell. Some extracts are attached.

We would also draw your attention to similar applications which have been refused:

* 2020/2471/P (24 Ferncroft Avenue), where the planning officer required the new gates to be constructed from timber, rather than metal, and sought to retain as much of the greenery as possible.
* 2020/1399/P (49 Redington Road), where the applicant was advised that metal fencing would be unacceptable for the Conservation Area and, as a result of this advice, an application for brickwork boundary was submitted and the existing privet hedge was retained and extended.

The harm caused by metal gates and railings is also highlighted in the Redington Frognal Conservation Area Character and Management Appraisal under section 3.6 Harm.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Mayo

Secretary

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