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To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to this application for variation to the permission granted for this site on Highgate Road, NW5.

Firstly, there is so much variation I would have thought it should be treated as a full new planning application, particularly as it is many years now since the original permission was granted.

Specifically I object to the decrease in assisted living units from 8 to 5. Eight was not adequate in the first place and five is just a disgrace. On the same line I object to the increase in the private units. If there are to be any more units they should be affordable.

I also object to the increased height and mass of the new plans. It now presents as an even larger, more solid block with little variation to break up the aspect which we will all see from Highgate Road. It seems to have some towers behind the front, in the mock up, and I do not know what these are. Whatever they are they should not be allowed. This neighbourhood is not a high rise neighbourhood and even the additional level to The Maple Building should not have been approved. Given that now exists, nothing should be allowed that is higher than that. This development will be taller. And will have a continuous solid facade. The listed church will also be dwarfed. The proposed development adds nothing of architectural merit to the area.

The public street scape should be improved environmentally as a condition of this development. I see no plans for trees which are essential in this time of climate extremes. The street scape needs greening with other measures too. As an example, it is a pleasure to walk past the community garden next to the fire station. Locals are able to sit and enjoy a small green space on what is a very busy road.

I note there are some plans for solar panels which I would approve. However I find it difficult to understand from the documents submitted whether heat pump technology will be implemented. This should be included as the government is encouraging such measures in the need to decarbonise.

For all these reasons I object to the proposals.

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