



HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Matthew Dempsey

Supporting Communities Directorate

20 December 2022

Re: Ref 2022/4887/P, 42 Willow Road

Dear Mr Dempsey,

The proposal is contrary to both DH1 and DH2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan.

The developer of 42 Willow Road, which we note is currently being [marketed](#) to rent, points to examples elsewhere of glass fill-ins over the front well of homes but ignores the fact that none of the houses of the terrace, numbered 42-48, have any sort of covering over the basement well used to access the basement level. Poor practice elsewhere does not justify damage to the Plan area or the existing terrace.

In fact, Camden [specifically asked](#) the owners to remove this element in application for a rear extension, reference [2021/1641/P](#).

In an email dated August 9, 2021, Council Officer Matthew Dempsey wrote:

“Senior colleagues have looked at the front glazed cover and suggested it is not in keeping with the conservation area. Therefore, were you to remove this element from the proposal I would be able to get the decision signed off to approve the rear extension . . .”

He continued that further justification for the glazed covering should be provided but stated that “it should be understood this may not necessarily be accepted.” The developer chose to insert the laundry under the stairs providing only exterior access. In a property of 190sqm, there were other options. Providing dry access to an external laundry is not sufficient justification to counter to the damage to the terrace.

We urge Camden to refuse.

Sincerely,

Alex Nicoll
Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum

