



## HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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Jaspreet Chana  
Planning Solutions Team  
Camden Council

Re: 2020/1551, 16 South Hill Park Gardens

Dear Mr Chana,

Permitting new off-street parking is contrary to the Camden Local Plan, policy T2 and contrary to the Conservation Area Statement for the South Hill Park Estate, which states: "The loss of front boundary walls where it has occurred detracts from the appearance of the front garden by reducing the area for soft landscaping in this urban residential area . . . The Council will resist any further loss of front boundary walls and conversion of front gardens into hardstanding parking areas."

16 South Hill Park Gardens is noted as a building that makes a positive contribution to the conservation area.

The proposal is contrary to several policies in the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan, including DH1 Design, DH2 Conservation area, TT2 Pedestrian environments, NE2 (4) Trees and NE4 (1) Biodiversity. The Plan supports proposals for restoring front and back gardens and increasing soft landscaping to support biodiversity.

DH1 states that development proposals that fail to respect and enhance the character of the area and the way it functions will not be supported. DH2 says that development must seek to protect and/or enhance buildings (or other elements) which make a positive contribution to the Conservation Areas. Destroying part of an original boundary wall and creating a dropped curb that diminishes the pedestrian environment and damages biodiversity would not be acceptable to the conservation area.

We recommend that Camden refuse this application.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis  
Chair, Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum