



## HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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Matthew Dempsey  
Planning Solutions Team  
Camden Council

Re: **2019/3365/P 116 Heath Street, NW3 1DR**

Dear Mr Dempsey,

We believe that the proposal to retain a modern security shutter in Stamford Close is contrary to DH1 and DH2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan as well as H40 of the Hampstead Conservation Area Statement.

Security grills are discouraged by the Conservation Area statement, specifically H40, which asserts that “the introduction of security measures can detract from the appearance of the Conservation Area”. It further says that the Council will prefer the use of security measures that do not require external shutters.

The Neighbourhood Plan DH1 states that proposals that fail to respect and enhance the character of the area and the way it functions will not be supported, while DH2 states that proposals must seek to protect and/or enhance buildings that make a positive contribution to the Conservation Area.

The conservation statement describes Stamford Close as “an atmospheric, York stone paved courtyard linking the Square to Heath Street,” one of the many “picturesque and intimate pedestrian alleys generate surprise and delight”, according to the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan. The building itself, no. 116, is recognised as making a positive contribution to the Conservation Area. While the security grill is on the side of the building, it nevertheless negatively impacts the Conservation Area by introducing industrial materials in this predominately 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century setting.

We sympathise with the security problems that the business owner has suffered but urge the applicant to seek a security method that does not damage the Conservation Area.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis  
Chair, Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum