20 July 2020

Kristina Smith
Planning Solutions Team
Camden Council

Re: 2020/2816/P, 9 Lyndhurst Terrace

Dear Kristina,

The Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum does not object to the proposed re-development of the site but finds that the proposed development, with its unresolved fenestration arrangement, neither respects nor enhances the character of the area and therefore is contrary to DH1 and DH2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan.

Lyndhurst Terrace is part of the 19th century expansion area, characterised by many large Victorian villas. No. 7 is one of these, whereas numbers 11 and no. 9 are modern houses, "unsympathetic in terms of design, scale and detail", according to the Fitzjohns Netherhall Conservation Area Statement.

Creating a new villa that sits comfortably between two such disparate neighbours presents both a challenge and an opportunity not to be wasted. The floor levels of the proposal relate not to the strong design of no. 7 but rather to the modern flats next door, as does its flat roof.

The design may function well internally, but the exterior makes no sense, the arch-shaped windows serving no structural purpose unlike those across the street. They are asymmetrical on a box structure, appearing as a contrived echo of other neo-Romanesque arches in the neighbourhood.

We recommend refusal of the current design and would welcome a reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum