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Via email to: planning.applications@harrow.gov.uk   *cc Ward councillors*

Planning application: Wessex, Hill Close, Harrow on the Hill. Ref: P/5609/18

Dear Shamal London

The Harrow Hill Trust Planning Committee has considered this application and we wish to lodge our strong objections.

The proposal seeks to provide a new car access to the front garden and to provide two parking spaces. This is contrary to the South Hill Avenue Conservation Area Study, which states that any increase in the number of vehicle accesses would be unwelcome.

The proposal removes the important grass verge which belongs to the South Hill Estate Company, a large section of an important symmetrical hedge, soft planning and landscaping and a good magnolia tree. This is contrary to the Conservation Area Study which seeks to retain trees, grass verges, front garden landscaping and boundary treatments.

The proposal to provide 'grassguard' permeable paving is completely out of character with the area and provides an artificial surface which has no respect for, or similarity to, appropriate permeable surfaces found in the conservation area. It is more akin to temporary parking in fields where grass can grow through between occasional use.

Wessex already has access to a double garage at the rear with an additional parking space. It is unnecessary to spoil the conservation area and street scene with inappropriate front garden parking. This would be an alien feature in the road. As far as we are aware there are no issues with parking on the road which is a cul-de-sac.

The application should be refused accordingly.

Kind regards,

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