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Via email to: planning.applications@harrow.gov.uk

cc Ward councillors

Planning application: P/4790/19 – Lyndsey House, 6 Penketh Drive

Dear Shamal London

The Harrow Hill Trust Planning Committee has considered this application and has the following comments.

A previous application was granted (P/0734/19) following sensible revision to the original scheme. The width of the extension was reduced and changes were made to the hard surfacing area. These changes were made following objections from us, the Mount Park Residents' Association, the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and the Conservation Officer.

It is not now acceptable to return to the original width of the scheme for all the reasons made previously regarding bulk, gap infill, scale, distance to trees, etc. This application should be refused and the original consented scheme implemented.

Moreover, the trees along the frontage shown retained on the ground floor plan have been removed without consent. There is now increased hard surfacing due to a large planter bed in the front garden being removed. Neither is acceptable.

Neither the arboricultural report nor the drawings accurately represent the position or canopy spread of the trees. The report is based on technical judgements rather than conservation area considerations. None of the trees should be removed as this would completely change the character of the area which is described in the Conservation Area documents as an area dominated by "rich landscaped settings", "dwellings set in spacious gardens and supported by abundant street side greenery combined with lush garden planting".

This proposal fails to retain or enhance these features, and needs to be refused.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Less', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr Simon Less

Chair, Harrow Hill Trust Planning Committee

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