



THE HARROW HILL TRUST

Caring for the heritage of the Hill and its future

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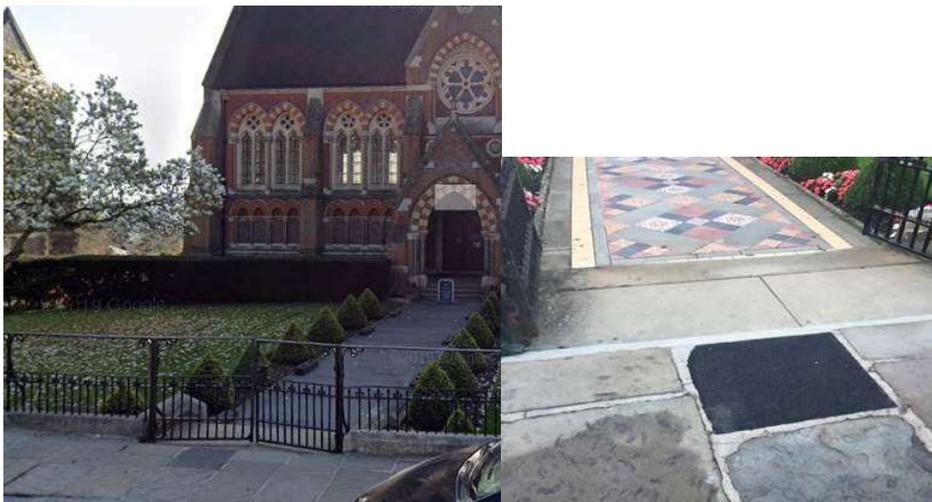
Via email to: planning.applications@harrow.gov.uk

cc Ward councillors /Harrow School

RE: P/4317/20 Vaughan Library

Dear Lucy

The care and attention to preserving the beautiful materials and design of the footpath by the applicant is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, this is in stark contrast with the Council's contribution to the setting of that Grade II Listed building. Specifically, we are writing to bring to your attention the eyesore in the middle of the entrance to the footpath where a York flagstone has been replaced with a single square of black tarmac.



It is self-evident that the Council have not maintained the Conversation Area and that this substandard repair is also harmful to the setting of the Listed building.

The use of black tarmac for footpath repairs also extends to repairing the 'pink' tarmac areas of the Hill. Reinstatement of the original material, not only is it the correct thing to do, but we suggest that the cost of harming the Conservation Area, the Area of Special Character and the setting of heritage assets and the necessary reinstatement costs are greater than having a clause in the contract of maintenance and utility company contracts for the initial repair to match the pre-existing material.



We would also stress once again our dismay about the removal of heritage lamp posts and lights with replacement with a modern LED fitting. The lights are specifically mentioned in Conservation Area appraisal documents and significant harm, due to the prominence of each lamp post, the number of examples and geographical spread, has resulted to the character of multiple conservation areas, the setting of many heritage assets and to the Area of Special Character itself. The treatment of Mount Park Road residents is especially poor. This is really not acceptable. The Council are letting down not only the residents but the visitors to the Hill.

Previously when raised by residents the feedback was that they were temporary, as a quick decision made in Pinner had resulted in a sub-optimal outcome. We feel that the Council has had ample time to research and to implement a solution.

If of assistance, we can point you to a funding source which is available for such lighting projects for Councils.

We would welcome your support and a response to the points raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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