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Dear Mr. Parker

HGY/2023/0591- Flat A, 87 Southwood Lane, N6 5TB
Single side extension

I apologize for my late response to this application but note that it is still under consideration and I therefore hope that it is not too late for our comments to be noted. The Society object to the proposed side addition eroding the gaps between buildings adversely affecting the street scene.

Insufficient information is provided with this application, it is indicated that a gap of 80cm is left between the two buildings. The extension would block the openness and the view through to the rear gardens and large tree beyond and almost completely fill the gap between No 87 and the old post office.

Policy DH4 states "the gaps between buildings, often providing views of mature rear gardens, are an important feature of many residential streets of Highgate and contribute positively to the conservation area." It also recognizes the importance of the positive and negative spaces between buildings and why this should be safeguarded, to allow it would also set a dangerous precedent for undermining the very policy which the application breaches.

The Society therefore believes that this application should be refused.

Yours sincerely
Maryam Armstrong-James RIBA

For and behalf of Highgate Society Planning Group

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