

2023/2341/P Objection to Phone Mast outside Hampstead Cemetery

The Fortune Green and West Hampstead Neighbourhood Development Forum wishes to register a formal objection to this application.

The location of the proposed equipment is in front of the entrance of Hampstead Cemetery on Fortune Green Road. The cemetery is an important local heritage asset with a number of listed buildings including the chapels and many monuments.

As such, we consider that the proposal will "... detract from the special character, and/or, architectural and/or historic significance, and setting of Conservation Areas and heritage assets in the Area..." contrary to POLICY 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan, Safeguarding and Enhancing Conservation Areas and Heritage Assets, page 23.

Further to this, the equipment boxes are planned to be sited on the footway where they will add to pavement clutter by the zebra crossing, which was installed close to the residential home across the road so that residents and carers could take walks in the cemetery. It is also close to a nursery school and a tutoring academy which is not usually considered acceptable.

We therefore believe that the proposal is in breach of the following policy in the Neighbourhood Plan:

POLICY 9: Pavements & Pedestrians

Pedestrian access in the Area - particularly in and around the West Hampstead Growth Area - shall be improved by development that takes into account the following:

- i. Provides safe and wide pavements, giving the maximum possible space to pedestrians.
- ii. Is set well back from the pavement, where appropriate, with the aim of giving additional pavement space.
- iii. Improves accessibility for disabled people and those with push chairs.
- iv. Contributes to improved and safer pedestrian crossings – particularly on the roads listed in D14.