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Hi Martin

Comments on the above planning application.

The application site, Farlington Lodge, is an unlisted building located on the corner of Oathall Road and Farlington Close within The Heath Conservation Area. The building, which dates from the late 19th or early 20th century was originally constructed as the lodge to Farlington House, an earlier 19th century building which was located a short distance to the east. Farlington House was demolished in the mid 20th century to make way for the residential development of Farlington Close, so that the former lodge is now the only surviving reminder of this short lived 19th century estate.

The lodge house itself is a relatively simple and modest building, but retains some period character, and for this reason as well as its historical illustrative value makes a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Heath Conservation Area. The property has a small garden area to the east, south and west, adjacent to the Close, which also contributes positively to the verdant character of Oathall Road, being visible in views from the entrance to the Close, which are framed by an attractive pair of mature lime(?) trees.

The current proposal is for works to the garden area to relocate and extend the parking area with associated extension of an existing cross over, relocate an existing closeboarded fence to the boundary line, and associated hard and soft landscaping.

In my opinion, the proposal raises potential concerns with respect to an associated net loss of soft landscaping including lawns and planting. As noted above, the verdant aspect of the garden makes a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. However, I note an issue with the accuracy of the existing site plan, which does not correctly depict the extent of the existing hedge to the front boundary of the site- this extends further across the gardens to the west of the site than is shown. I would suggest that this should be amended so that we have an accurate picture of the extent of loss of existing hedgerow which would be involved in the creation of the vehicle cross over and parking which are proposed in this location, prior to offering comments on the heritage impact of the proposal.

Thanks,

Emily

prior to offering final comments on the application I no

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