

# LETTERS

27 Ossulton Way  
N2

18 July

Dear Editor

I moved to the Suburb approximately two years ago. I was well aware, and supported the objectives and ethos of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust.

However, officers and representatives of the Trust have adopted practices that, in my opinion, are at the very least arrogant and self serving and not conducive to creating good relationships between Suburb residents and the Trust, and, worse negligent and dangerous.

I have advised the Trust that I strongly object to receiving letters from them saying that my property has been 'inspected'. I have pointed out to the Trust that we live in a democratic society and if there are any matters that they wish to raise with me, the polite way to proceed is to telephone me for an appointment concerning these matters so that they can be dealt with in a friendly and positive way.

However, far more seriously, on at least two occasions representatives of the Trust have visited my property without prior appointment.

On the first occasion, although this is denied by them, they inspected the property while my builders were present. On the second occasion somebody purporting to represent the Trust, without any means of identification, knocked on the door during the day and proceeded to question my 17-year-old daughter. I was furious about this. Having written to the Trust, I received no response. I am a deputy within the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and it seems to me that any person who represents the Trust who has the minimum of common-sense and decency realises that it is not appropriate to call without notice during the day and particularly without identification. Despite my having written to the Trust, they choose to ignore my letter and refuse to respond.

I have taken this up with the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association and I understand that this incident is not an isolated one.

The practice is highly unnecessary and must be stopped. I would welcome other readers, comments on this subject.

Yours sincerely  
David Simmons

**The Trust Manager comments:**  
Last October the then Suburb architect, Wilfred Court, was carrying out a survey of drives in Ossulton Way and noticed that at number 27 the area between the front path and drive had been filled in with paving. The Trust has a complete photographic survey of the Suburb, which was done in 1986, and this showed that the work had been done since then. There was nothing in file to show the consent had been applied for to either the Trust or the London Borough of Barnet.

On 1 November the Trust Architect wrote to Mr Simmons asking him to reinstate this planted area with a front hedge or to apply for retrospective approval to retain the work as now exists. The Residents Association are continually reminding the Trust that they have a duty to follow up infringements and get illegal works reinstated, the Trust Architect was simply doing his job.

## Current planning applications on the Suburb

Because applications for planning consents are notified only to immediate neighbours and posted on lampposts CONSAM thought it would be a worthwhile service to residents to publish a list of applications in the pipeline so that, for example, if your garden backs on to a house where a rear extension is planned you may be able to make representations to the Trust or Barnet if you are going to be adversely affected.

6 Asmunds Place - Side Extension  
19 Asmunds Hill - Rear Extension  
69 Brim Hill - Rear Extension  
4 Bishop Ave - Entrance Canopy  
93 Brim Hill - Garage Conversion  
39 Brooklands Rise - Side Extension  
57 Brooklands Rise - Garage Drive  
5 Chalton Drive - Rear Dormer/Rooflight  
13 Chalton Drive - Loft Conversion  
20 Chalton Drive - Side Dormer  
6 Church Mount - Loft Conversion/Extension  
9 Church Mount - Rear Garden Room  
25 Church Mount - Extension and Alterations

28 Church Mount - Rear Landscaping  
14 Constable Close - Rear Extension/Dormer  
17 Corringham Way - Side Extension  
68 Corringham Road - Rear Extension  
82 Corringham Road - Loft Conversion/Rooflight  
12 Eastholm - Garage Conversion  
14 Greenhalgh - Dormers  
2 Hartford Walk - Loft Conversion/Alter Garage  
10 Heath Close - Door/Canopy/Rear Porch/Loggia  
Heathfield Surgery - Extensions  
5 Hill Top - Alter Dormer/Rooflight  
15 Hill Top - Rooflights  
38 Hogarth Hill - Rear Extension  
14 Holne Chase - Rear Extension  
14 Howard Walk - Rear Extension  
6 Ingram Ave - Rear Extension  
10 Ingram Ave - Rear Extension/Dormer  
3 Kenwood Close - Gates Alterations  
5 Ludlow Way - Rebuild Garage  
2 Lyttelton Road - Garage Alterations  
15 Maurice Walk - Loft

Conversion/Dormer  
51 Meadway - 2 Story Side Extension  
56 Middleway - Rear Extension  
2 Morland Close - Garden Room/Landscaping  
6 Neville Drive - Porch/ Windows  
43 Norrice Lea - Side Extension  
85 Northway - Side Extension  
62 Northway - Rebuild Garage  
65 Oakwood Road - Window Alterations  
22 Rotherwick Road - Side Extension  
10 Reynolds Close - Doors/Balcony Balustrading  
33 Southway - New Garage/Family Room  
52 Southway - Dormers  
3 Spaniards Close - Window Alterations/Move Garage  
4 Spencer Drive - Rear Extension  
15 Totnes Walk - Add Dormer  
12 Thornton Way - Conver Garage/Add Windows  
5 Turners Wood - Rear Extension  
6 Wildwood Rise - Porch Canopy  
64 Wildwood Road - Convert and Alter Garage  
78 Wildwood Road - Convert Garage  
16 Winnington Road - Dormers/ Roof Alterations  
18 Winnington Road - Porch and Side Extension  
52 Winnington Road - Upper Floor Extension  
56 Winnington Road - New Garage  
68 Winnington Road - Major Extensions

building of the church rooms also disturbed the drainage. Houses below have since been subject to severe subsidence.

The original planners of the Suburb knew what they were doing. It would surely be prudent to examine all new plans for development rigorously to ensure that they do not bring problems such as undermining existing properties, increasing traffic, noise and pollution. Tree cover is now recognised as ecologically essential, and open spaces are a valuable feature of the Suburb.

Yours sincerely  
Joanne Bower

This is a selection of major applications made during the past three months. A number may have received consent by the time Suburb News is published.

5 Meadway  
NW11

Dear Editor  
My master tells me that you have written about the Café Toulous.

When I was taken there, they offered me a drink and provided a big bowl of water.

What about meals for dogs?  
Yours sincerely  
A Bedlington

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