



HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Charlotte Meynell
Planning Officer
London Borough of Camden

6 August 2020

Re: 2020/2942/P, Pavement on east side of Spaniards Road E:526393 N:186679 London NW3 7ET

Dear Charlotte,

The Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum objects to the proposal for this 15m telecommunications monopole, noting that its size and siting make it unacceptable in terms of both appearance and impact on the chosen location, contrary to DH1 and DH2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan. It also would be contrary to NE1: Local Green Spaces. This policy, which considers the Heath as an important LGS for purposes of the Plan, states that development that causes harm to Local Green Spaces will not be permitted, except in very special circumstances.

Location



At 15m, the pole would tower over the existing trees, spoiling views looking both south across the Heath and north toward the Heath extension, particularly as the resulting land falls away to either side of Spaniards End. This road provides a verdant tunnel of vegetation out of which this mast would arise undisguised by any other structure, a purely man-made structure contrasting and degrading the natural landscape around it.

Appearance

This pole towers above all other structures, man-made or otherwise in the area, standing 50% higher than the existing telecommunication pole. The top-heavy design of the pole would make it even more noticeable and incongruous and therefore damaging to this important part of Metropolitan Open Land.



There are currently two other monopoles in this location. Adding a third will create a forest of poles lining Spaniards Way and an additional unsightly clutter of cabinets next to the Heath.

For these reasons, we believe that there are no small modifications that could ameliorate the damage of this application and believe it should be refused.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis
Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum