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Development Management

London Borough of Hounslow

The Civic Centre

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Dear Cllr Curran

PLANNING APPLICATION P/2017/0496 DUDLEY HOUSE, THE GROVE, ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.

We wish to register our objections to the proposed development of Dudley House, situated in The Grove, Isleworth. Since the original application was refused by the Planning Committee in January 2017, we observe that the developers have acted with alacrity to re-submit the proposal with what can only be described as a few 'cosmetic' alterations. We also find it disturbing that these alterations have apparently been applied on the advice of Council Planning Officers in order to gain eventual approval by the Planning Committee. Surely this cannot be in compliance with proper democratic procedures?

The Grove is a peaceful and pleasant road in the Spring Grove Conservation Area and comprises high quality Victorian and Edwardian houses complementing the attractiveness of the area. The overall spaciousness of this century-old development and its intrinsic character are the main features of this conservation area.

The proposed development of Dudley House is not in keeping with the nature of a conservation area and the provision of 17 flats is excessive, especially as there are only eight car parking spaces. This would mean an unwelcome incursion onto The Grove itself, by those residents not allocated a parking space within the complex. Such additional on-road parking will simply cause problems and inconvenience to existing residents.

We would ask Hounslow Council to give consideration to a development such as that effected to Stevenson House in the near vicinity of Dudley House. That site is considerably larger and accommodates only eight flats, which actually enhance the overall appearance of the surrounding area. Surely it is not compatible with the purpose and spirit of a conservation area to build at such a high density as that proposed for Dudley House? Equally so-called 'affordable housing', whatever that may be, is out of place in The Grove and should be sought elsewhere.

In conclusion, we would like to state that should this development proceed and be approved, it will be the beginning of the end for CONSERVATION AREAS and a total negation of the reasons for their existence.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Residents of the Spring Grove Conservation Area.