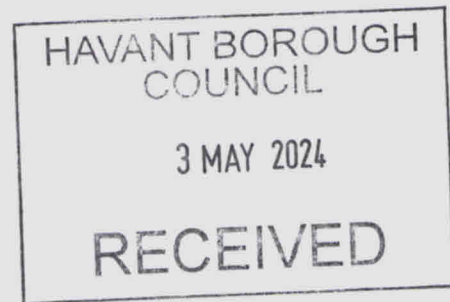


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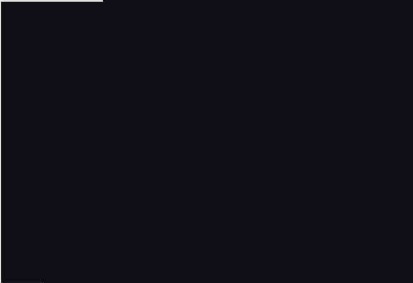
Re planning application number APP/24/00179

I would like to make several comments on the revised parking plan for the above application, as I believe the plan is unrealistic and unsafe.

1. The plan shows a car parking on the pavement outside of number 89. The fact that this area has a dropped curb is immaterial and parking on the pavement should not be encouraged as it makes the area unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, parking here would only be feasible with a particularly small car, otherwise the residents of 89 and 89a would have their driveway partially blocked. Highway Code rule 244 has stated that drivers "MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it."
2. Bays 1 and 2 of the existing house are very tight and unless perfectly parked it will be hard to even open the doors. The plan shows the two cars reversing out and running along the pavement where the other car is shown parking. Reversing along the pavement is unsafe. This is so not only for pedestrians and cyclists but also for the occupants of numbers 89 and 89a who may be leaving or coming onto their driveway at the same time. The Highway Code says, "When using a driveway, reverse in and

drive out if you can". Reversing into these two bays would require significant manoeuvring along and across the pavement. There have recently been several accidents in this over congested part of the avenue due to people having to reverse out of driveways.



3. Although I can find no definition of a parking space it is obvious that any such space must involve the ability to drive in and out of it. On that basis it appears to me that bays 1 and 2 of the proposed development is just one space, albeit longer than usual. The practicalities of claiming this is two spaces means that for the bay 1 car to exit the property, the other car must drive out into the avenue to let it go by. The day-to-day reality is surely that one car will just be left out in the street. Current rules mean the provision of one realistic parking space for a two-bedroom dwelling on the cramped plot means that this application should fail.
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30th April 2024