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London and Middlesex Archaeological Society

For the attention of Nathan Ringer, Planning Officer

Ref: P/2024/2168 – Vine Lodge, Church Road, Isleworth TW7 4PH

The London and Middlesex Archaeological Society (LAMAS) promotes London's archaeology, local history, and historic buildings. The LAMAS Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee reviews planning applications relating to important historic buildings and seeks to ensure a sustainable future for vital aspects of London's built heritage.

We object to this planning application on the grounds that it would involve the demolition of a building that is now locally listed and is of important historical interest, and would harm the setting of the Spring Grove Conservation Area in which it is located. This is in contravention of the NPPF (paragraph 209) and various sections of the London Plan and Hounslow Local Plan.

We note that two prior applications for the demolition and replacement of this building (P/2023/1409 and P/2022/0601) were refused by Hounslow Council, the former on the grounds of the inappropriate design and massing of the proposed replacement buildings, and the latter on the same grounds plus the inappropriate demolition of a building now locally listed. This new application proposes a replacement building that is smaller in scale than the previous applications but is still inappropriate in the context of the surrounding Conservation Area.

We fully support Historic England's objection dated 15 August to this latest application and their comment on the historical interest of this building: 'Vine Lodge is a building with early C19 origins within the Spring Grove Conservation Area. Originally constructed as a pair of gardeners' cottages to serve the Davies Estate, it is the only surviving example of any of the estate worker's cottages, despite the survival of some of the Davies Estate villas'.

We therefore strongly recommend that this planning application be refused.

**Vicki Fox
Secretary, Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee
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