



THE HARROW HILL TRUST

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Planning Committee
Harrow Council
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Harrow Council Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAAC) Constitution

Dear Planning Committee Chair

At the previous AGM of the CAAC, the Harrow Hill Trust proposed the following change to the constitution of the Harrow Conservation Area Advisory Committee but it was deemed to be beyond the powers of that committee and required Council deliberation and decision. I am therefore submitting the following request to your committee.

Proposed change

Section 1 of the CAAC constitution to be amended to the following

1 The Committee shall consist of one nominee each from the following:

<i>National Appointments</i>	<i>RIBA RTPI Landscape Institute</i>
<i>Historical Societies</i>	<i>Georgian Group Victorian Society Ancient Monuments Society 20th Century Society SPAB</i>
<i>Local</i>	<i>Harrow Hill Trust The Pinner Association</i>

*Stanmore Society
Pinner Local History Society
Stanmore & Harrow Historical Society
Hatch End Association
Any Other Organisation – 1000+ members*

The proposed change is for Harrow School to no longer be written into the constitution as a member.

Reason for the proposed change

Harrow School, unlike the other CAAC members written into the constitution, is a major owner and developer of property within the Harrow Hill conservation areas.

The purpose the CAAC is to give independent advice to the Council about proposed developments. Including among the committee's membership the major developer in the Harrow Hill conservation areas does not appear to be consistent with ensuring independence of the committee's advice.

Even though Harrow School is expected to step back from any committee discussions in which it has an interest, we do not consider this an effective safeguard against potential conflicts of interest. Harrow School has a very large number of properties and land throughout Harrow Hill. It is therefore hard to establish and monitor when Harrow School's interests may be affected indirectly by a proposed application near one of its properties or, more generally, by precedents that CAAC advice on apparently unrelated developments may establish.

In order to ensure that the CAAC is, and is seen to be, providing independent advice without conflicts of interest, we consider Harrow School should no longer be a member written in to the constitution.

Kind regards,



Dr Simon Less

Chair, Harrow Hill Trust Planning Committee