

**O/S MONKS REST, HILLSIDE RD, PINNER**

**P/1833/03/CFU/JH**

Ward: PINNER

PROVISION OF CLOSE CIRCUIT T.V CAMERA ON 4M HIGH POLE.

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## RECOMMENDATION

Plan Nos: OS Site Plan, Unnumbered Plan - Scale 1:20

**REFUSE** permission for the development described in the application and submitted plans for the following reason(s):

- 1 The proposed CCTV Camera and related pole, by reason of unsatisfactory siting, design and appearance, would detract from the character and appearance of the property known as 'Monks Rest' and this part of the Pinner Hill conservation area.

## INFORMATIVES

- 1 Standard Informative 41 – UDP and Deposit Draft UDP Policies and Proposals : (E4, E5, E6, E38, E39, E45); (SD1, SD2, D4, D13, D16, D17, D1)
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## MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 1) Appearance or Character of Conservation Area
  - 2) Consultation Responses
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## INFORMATION

### a) Summary

UDP Key Policies:	E4, E5, E6, E38, E39, E45
Deposit UDP Key Policies:	SD1, SD2, D4, D13, D16, D17, D
Area of Special Character	
TPO	
Conservation Area:	Pinner Hill
Green Belt	
Council Interest:	None

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**b) Site Description**

- North-west side of Hillside Road within the Pinner Hill conservation area and Metropolitan green belt;
- The site would be at the roadside verge outside of a locally listed building known as 'Monks Rest';
- The site is located just inside the Hillside Road entrance to the Pinner Hill Estate;
- Hillside Road has a generally open and leafy atmosphere.

**c) Proposal Details**

- The application is for the erection of a Close Circuit TV (CCTV) camera on a 4m high pole. The CCTV camera would provide surveillance for security purposes.

**d) Relevant History**

- None

**e) Applicant's Statement**

- Our committee has recommended that these cameras should be put up in order to try to deal with the incidences of theft and burglary on the estate. The proposals are strongly supported by the police (letter from the Crime prevention design advisor metropolitan police enclosed).

**f) Consultations**

CAAC: Object. The original application appears to propose five cameras on posts rather than one. The proposal would set a bad precedent for other conservation areas in the Borough. The proposal would add to street clutter and is not a statutory installation. No information is given about any associated signage that might be required and the proposal is incompatible with the character and appearance of the conservation area.

**Advertisement**

Character of Conservation Area

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**Response:**

Monks Rest, Hillside Road, Pinner – Suggests the application is resubmitted with information relating to:

- Data protection signage;
- Payment to data agency;
- Type of pole;
- Who retains taped footage;
- Is this required by the police or golf club;
- Who would enforce security;
- Believes in the need for cameras but in an organised fashion.

**APPRAISAL**

**1) Appearance or Character of Conservation Area**

The main consideration in assessing the application for the installation of a CCTV camera would be the impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area. In order for the application to be acceptable it must “preserve or enhance” the character and appearance of the conservation area. The principal characteristics of the Pinner Hill estate are its open feel, large plots and attractive soft landscaping. The installation of a CCTV camera on a pole is unlikely to preserve or enhance this character and appearance. The modern “urban” nature of such a pole will appear out of place. There will be long and short views into and out of the conservation area that would be adversely affected by the installation of the pole. The location of the pole and camera outside the locally listed building (Monks Rest) would be harmful to the setting of this building.

**2) Consultation Responses**

No information has been provided relating to associated signage that may be required to explain data protection laws. Any such signage, should it be required could cause further harm to the character and appearance of the conservation area.