

To Residents and neighbors of the Frederik Hendrikplein
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Re Objection to environmental permit Frederik Hendrikplein 34, The Hague
From Foundation for the Protection of Architecture in the Statenkwartier (BAS)



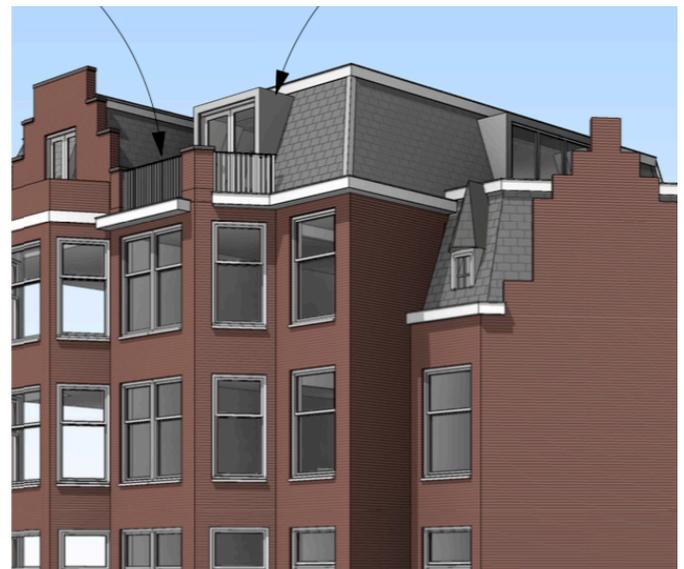
Dear residents and neighbors of the Frederik Hendrikplein,

You are lucky to live in the vicinity of the most beautiful square in the Statenkwartier. As you undoubtedly know the Statenkwartier has been designated as a State Protected City Site. This means that both the facades and the square are of unique cultural and historical value. To protect these values building plans in a State Protected City Site have to apply to strict requirements.

Recently the city council granted a municipal building permit ('omgevingsvergunning') for Frederik Hendrikplein 34. The permit implies that a truly landmark pinnacle will be demolished to give way to an additional storey, see below.



Frederik Hendrikplein 34 with the circled pinnacle



New situation with proposed additional storey and without pinnacle

The additional storey interrupts the ensemble character of the building block, while the demolition of the pinnacle removes a distinctive Statenkwartier feature. In addition it sets a precedent making it easier to realize more additional storeys and to demolish more historical features.

Therefore the Stichting Bescherming Architectuur Statenkwartier (Foundation for the Protection of Architecture in the Statenkwartier) will file an objection with the municipality against the granted building permit ('omgevingsvergunning').

This objection is fully supported by the Traffic and Environmental Planning Working Group of the Neighborhood Committee Statenkwartier.

To increase the chance of success we call on you to file an individual objection. The deadline is Tuesday Mai 5, 2020. If you do so, you have to mention the reference 201924976 and date March 24, 2020 of the permit.

In case you want more information or support in filing an objection, please send an email to: info@bas-statenkwartier.nl or contact us via our website <http://www.bas-statenkwartier.nl/> or mobile phone +31 6 34 21 74 85 (Maarten Ruijters)

Sincerely, BAS