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42-43 QUEEN SQUARE

I am writing to object to the proposed change of use of Nos 42 and 43 Queen Square from education to medical use.

These premises have been in continuous educational use since 1860. It is a use that contributes very positively to the character and appearance of Queen Square and thus to this part of the Bloomsbury conservation Area. A change of use to medical use would contribute to an excessive dominance of medical uses in Queen Square.

Furthermore, even though no alterations are included as part of this application, a change of use to medical uses would inevitably result in proposals that would likely cause serious harm to the historic fabric of these important listed buildings, which date from the very early 1700s. They are the oldest surviving buildings on Queen Square. The existing educational use is very well suited to the character of the existing buildings and to their heritage significance.

I do not accept the claim in the section 2.14 of the Planning Statement that there is limited demand for educational use in the area. I suspect that the asking price has been far too high.

Please keep me informed about this application.

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