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2023/1021/P	James McWilliams	05/06/2023 13:28:47	WREP	<p>I am a Drury Lane Resident. My living room looks directly onto the Travelodge and onto the northernmost of the two stepped entrances into the hotel and the adjoining terrace.</p> <p>Regarding the proposed development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. I am in support of the proposal to remove the north steps and adjoining terrace, which, as the proposal acknowledges, will improve the 'overlooking' problem, that has long affected our flat and the homes of west-facing residents of Goldsmiths Court. I am also pleased to see that, at last, there will be the provision of a dignified entrance point for Travelodge residents who are disabled or who struggle with the steps. The current disabled access point is poorly signed, clearly an afterthought of the original 1980s architecture and, I would have thought, now barely DDA compliant.</li><li>2. While not directly affected, I am not in favour of the proposal to route construction traffic into Endell Street and into Shorts Gardens. I can see the logic of having a one-way circulation, with construction traffic exiting onto High Holborn, but the affect on Dudley Court residents (already badly affected by construction work) will be increased and there doesn't seem to be any obvious reason why traffic can't be routed into and out of the High Holborn service entry.</li></ol> <p>Speaking now more generally, over the years Travelodge has not been a good neighbour in Covent Garden, taking the dividend of being in an area that attracts visitors but giving nothing back to the community in terms of engaging with residents, or taking seriously their concerns about noise and anti-social behaviour (often associated with both north and south steps and associated terraces) or seeking to improve the appearance of a dated, ugly and neglected building. (I offer, as an example, that there are several areas that might be softened with plants and flowers which are presently wholly derelict - i.e. the roof of the reception area).</p> <p>I should emphasise that my negative experience with Travelodge is a problem of senior management: Local staff have been friendly and approachable when there are problems but they are plainly overworked at peak times and have a lot to contend with. Senior management, by contrast, have been difficult to contact and have been dismissive of suggestions for regular engagement, comparing poorly with how other local businesses' community engagement policies have evolved in recent years. This does not inspire confidence that the proposed construction project will be conducted in a manner that includes or informs residents. Along with my neighbours, we have requested a meeting with Travelodge and its development partners and are hopeful that this might initiate a more-positive relationship in the future.</p>

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2023/1021/P	Mrs Smith	03/06/2023 12:59:15	OBJ	<p>I am a Carer, we are a disabled household, living directly opposite Travelodge. Our block, Goldsmith Court houses many vulnerable, disabled &amp; elderly residents. We wish to register strong objection to the proposal, for reason(s) set out below.</p> <p>1). Extending licensed bar/restaurant will adversely impact local residents because it increases people traffic, noise pollution &amp; rowdy loitering of inebriated Traveldoge guests plus un-licensed pedicabs blaring pop music as they drop off/pick up Travelodge guests.</p> <p>2). Goldsmith Court is a low-rise block &amp; proposed x2 storey extension plus x55 extra bedrooms will deprive residents of right to quiet enjoyment, clean air, sun, light &amp; skyline.</p> <p>3). Travelodge guests generate considerable noise late into the night/early morning. The extended bar encourages anti-social behaviour, which adversely impacts local residents.</p> <p>4). X2 additional storeys will deprive Goldsmith Court residents of privacy – we already have to ensure our windows mask us from Traveldoge guests looking into our homes.</p> <p>5). I/we strongly object because many Goldsmith Court residents are immobile, wheelchair bound, elderly/vulnerable – Travelodge already adversely impacts our daily/nightly home life due to drunken behaviour of Traveldoge guests. Proposed extensions &amp; storey building will increase anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>LACK OF CONSULTATION:</p> <p>6). Goldsmith Court residents &amp; Drury Lane residents located directly opposite Travelodge, have not been consulted.</p> <p>7). Covent Garden Housing Co-op &amp; Soho Housing Association Ltd both of which house local residents directly opposite Travelodge, have not been consulted.</p> <p>8). Holborn &amp; Covent Garden Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) has not been consulted – currently &amp; historically operating to stamp out anti-social activity.</p> <p>9). MET Police, OP YAMATA – Specialist Crime North has not been consulted – currently &amp; historically working to eliminate Drury Lane &amp; local drug dealing.</p> <p>10). Holborn &amp; Covent Garden Policing Team has not been consulted – currently &amp; historically working to reduce anti-social, drunken behaviour, drug dealing plus prolific bag snatching &amp; theft.</p> <p>11). MET Police Team Leader, Euston Town Centre Team 3, Central North BCU (CN) has not been consulted.</p> <p>I/we therefore formally request Camden Council considers Goldsmith Court &amp; Drury Lane residents, not solely financial, commercial gain of this building proposal.</p>