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I strongly object to the proposed plans for Waterhouse Square.

None of the residents who are immediate neighbours of the proposed development were consulted. Although only a few metres from the site, we were carefully excluded from the consultation, and only heard of it by accident during early September, despite the consultation engagement update misleadingly stating that the developers have consulted with the local community.

Apart from the unacceptable levels of dirt, noise and disruption during the development, we are concerned by the plans to extend the market stalls and provide seating near the new building.

Local residents suffered almost continual anti-social behaviour, due to there formerly being seven benches in Brooke's Market. We have evidence over many years of the parties, drugs dealing/usage, fights, knife crime and noise at a level that permeated our flats until the early mornings. The police had to be called most nights. I have applied for a Freedom of Information report from the Metropolitan Police to give an indication of the level of calls before and after the benches were removed. It took us over 10 years of continual battle with Camden (even though the police supported our request) before the benches were removed. It is soul-destroying to even contemplate a return to the provision of any kind of seating.

The extension of market stalls would be extremely disruptive. The noise, mess, odour, and total disregard for the local community by most of the stall-holders is already unacceptable. The effect is still there when the market is closed; oil stains, litter and increasing flocks of seagulls to name but a few.

The effect on The Lodge (a St Mungo's provision also overlooking the development) has been completely ignored. These are vulnerable residents with very little voice in the community.

The extra two storeys in height would completely block our view of the sky. It is already blocked on one side (by the Record Hall) and the Waterhouse Square extension would effectively darken our living room and all our bedrooms. This applies to many other residents.

Following intervention by some residents and our local Councillor, another consultation was hastily convened for Tuesday, 19th September. Many residents raised important and powerful objections to the plans, which have been incorporated in other responses.

We strongly object to the plans

Sincerely

Diane Stacy