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Dear Camden council and GSK

As a local resident I am against the new planning application to open a restaurant to the public from 9am weekdays and 8am weekends. I have noted that no close time has been advertised!!

There are many sustainable restaurants in the vicinity away from residential developments so I cannot understand the rationale for this or need and understand that the council already reviewed the correct use of the building at the initial consultation and gave an appropriate category of use.

The use of the building should be restricted to commercial business use only and opening the space to the public would create a massive security risk to the building and buildings in the vicinity and further uncontrollable noise pollution. The social events advertisement is also concerning related to security risks and noise pollution. The social events 'open mic night' do not seem appropriate and are unnecessary in this building especially with everything soho has to offer being so close by and away from large residential developments.

As a local resident we were expecting the building to be used Monday to Friday during normal office hours and closed on the weekend similar to the use of Google campus next door.

Opening the building and opening to the public so early on weekends would create additional noise problems which are at the centre of the main complaints to Camden council currently and we can see how overwhelmed the council has been at curbing noise pollution in the area at the moment. Opening on the weekends would lead to further noise complaints to the council which the council will be unable to manage effectively as has already been proven from current complaints about noise in the area (one council noise investigator advised me to move to the Cotswolds if I wanted less noise!! This is obviously not an effective outcome or resolution re noise in the current area). As a resident of the area we do not want any more noise pollution, particularly on the weekends!

I am also aware from the plans that the waste areas of the GSK building are on Bucknall Street directly facing a large residential building so would like to highlight this of concern especially due to noise pollution caused by waste management.

I would like to strongly discourage change of use to the commercial building, not opening to the public, no public restaurants, no weekend opening hours, and for GSK to come up with a robust waste management plan to avoid any further noise pollution to the area which the Camden Council appears to be overwhelmed and ineffective at managing at the moment.

Best,  
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