

Planning Department

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application 2023/3870/P Brunswick Centre

As a resident of the Brunswick Centre I am writing to formally object to the application, referenced above, regarding the proposal for a hotel to be sited in the basement section of the building and the alteration to the fabric of a Grade II listed building of architectural significance.

I am extremely concerned over the impact the construction work will cause in respect of major intrusive noise and vibration, taking into account the existing concrete structure of the building. I have already experienced disruption of day to day living in the Centre during fitout works to several of the shopping units below the residences which did not include major structural alterations.

Breaking out and removing large elements of heavily reinforced concrete slabs in the basement and similarly the proposal to cut out and lower the majority of the upper basement floor will have a huge impact on the day to day lives of the occupants of all the 560 residential flats living above. After the proposed structural works the internal fit out of the hotel will also cause additional problems due to the need to drill into the existing structure to support general construction, services installations and the like and significant works at roof level.

I note the applicant assess the works will take at least eighteen months to complete so this is a significant period of time to live above a major construction site and disturbance caused by the necessary construction traffic either on the Marchmont Street or Judd Street access roads on either side of the building.

The building contains a mixture of occupants including a large number of sheltered housing flats with elderly residents who spend the majority of their time at home during the day and this must also be taken into account.

I strongly urge Camden Council to reject the application, is another hotel required in this part of Bloomsbury considering the preponderance of existing hotels and for the Council to bear in mind the additional strain on the local infrastructure including Russell Square tube station.

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