

Dear Haverstock Councillors, and other addressees,

I see from the latest leaflet that Camden is persisting with the notion that it is acceptable to situate "play spaces", and the noise and nuisance these may bring, outside the windows of ground floor flats on the estate.

Please register my objection to this.

Further, I enclose a copy summary of the canvass of the estate conducted between July and September of this year. I believe the results speak for themselves, but to avoid obfuscation, I will spell this out. This represents a rejection of the current design proposals by a majority of residents consulted on a "one flat; one vote" basis.

To inform better regeneration plans, the following might assist:

- Of all the people consulted, only a maximum of 3 said they "were OK" with living in a tower block, while most said they did not want to live in one.
- Of those whose current block location makes it more probable that the new tower block will be the first option of new accommodation – Ashington, Beckington, Milverton, none knew that this was their intended fate, and several expressed horror at this, citing Grenfell.
- Post Covid, residents do not want to live in blocks where they share air that has already been re-cycled innumerable times by others in enclosed communal spaces. The fresh air that they breathe as soon as they walk out of their current front door is a major health benefit.
- No one had told tenant residents that they will not be able to move back to their current block location, and that they will be placed in much larger blocks in the middle of the new estate, with views of, and direct access to, the outside world, reserved for private buyers. They do not like this.
- Several wondered what had happened to the architects they spoke to before the ballot. Several freely volunteered the impression they had been given before they voted that all new blocks were going to be "no higher than 8 storeys" in height - as per the "pre ballot" plans.
- Residents – broadly – do not want a "totally car free" new estate. They appreciate that this will make deliveries of either groceries or white goods to the door of their block very difficult for them. They want to be able to park their car within reasonable proximity to their flat, so they can keep an eye on it overnight.

An additional observation on what has happened since the Regeneration Team thoughtlessly closed the car parks without consultation of residents – not that anyone from Camden would be able to witness this, because none of you have any direct involvement with the estate (someone living in Cannington who delivers leaflets does not count) – is that already narrow Weedington Road, winding through the estate, is now close to impassable most evenings, due

to residents' cars previously parked off road parked on either side, exacerbated by the traffic island and the road layout.

This design proposal

– as per this : <https://www.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/0/Binder1.pdf/2381d70c-8dc9-37eb-cc25-9e2a2296412f?t=1685094808455>

is not supported by the majority of flats on the estate. I refer you to Statement 4. “I still want regeneration, ***but not based on this plan*** – as per the picture above. I want Camden to consider other options”

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Dow
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