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Dear all,

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**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2023 1:51 PM  
**To:** planning@camden.gov.uk  
**Subject:** objection to application Ref 2023/3884/P

Dear Council/Planning Department,

I have submitted an objection this morning via the website but I am not able to see it online. Therefore, I am re-sending my objection to you and would kindly ask you to include it as part of this application process and your considerations.

I am an owner and resident of a flat in the Pulse Apartment building where I live with my family which includes a small [REDACTED] child and my partner.

I would like to strongly object the application for the change in use of commercial property unit (part of the Pulse building) into a place of worship.

My objection is made on the following grounds:

1. Anticipated increase in noise for residents of the building and surrounded areas during unreasonable operating hours.

The application states that the applicant has conducted a noise assessment which further indicates no significant additional noise above or outside the building. The focus should be placed on the fact that there will be increase in noise which is defined by the applicant as "not significant". I would like to emphasize that most of the residents of the Pulse building are families with young kids and retired people who will be very sensitive to ANY smallest increase in noise. Pulse Apartments is first and foremost residential building and residents' right for peaceful and undisturbed

rest should be respected at all times. I am also somewhat puzzled about the conducted noise assessment on the property, the scope of it and methods used.

My understanding of the Liberty Church activities is that they would be running many events and the events timing cannot be regulated. My personal family situation is that we allocate early evening time (from 4pm onwards) and full weekend time for relaxation, work and studies and I anticipate a material increase in noise associated with late evening + weekend events for a congregation of 150 (+) people.

Therefore, on the basis of the fact that the noise and disturbance levels will deteriorate for the residents of the Pulse buildings as the results of the Church activities in addition to the proposed extremely long operating hours (including the weekend), I would like to object this application.

2. Lack of parking and heavy congestion of the pedestrian (pavement) path/area on the stretch from the Pulse Apartment buildings to Finchley road tube station.

The application states that it would be careless development which by itself cannot prevent people from driving in their cars and occupying the car parking spaces in the area. The additional inflow of people comes on top of all the developments that are in the process of being completed and being planned for the area (e.g. O2 development). This will inevitably congest the area even further and increase the level of noise and pollution.

In addition to that, my biggest concern is that even in case of public transport use the large crowds of people attending the Church will significantly add to already overly congested pedestrian walking path / pavement area on the stretch from the Pulse building to Finchley road tube station.

For example, I take a walk along Finchley road almost every day to work and back home. There is always a huge congestion around bus stops in front of Roche Bobois and Finchley and Frognal station with all the people waiting for the bus/getting off from the bus or smoking outside (and there is another development being built just on top of the station there). Every day I see parents with buggies that cannot move and get stuck in one place. That pushes many people who are in a rush for work (and that includes me) to try to overtake this congestion by walking on the side of the bus lane and that causes serious risk to life. I often see people doing exactly that as they get stuck in certain places. There are many other areas on Finchley road that are congested (around the stop(s) for coaches where people accumulate in huge numbers with suitcases waiting or loading to a bus, tube station with all the fruit stalls, walking area along the wood fence bit, etc). These areas lack any protection (appropriate pavement protections, trees, etc) for pedestrians which includes many kids walking to schools and nurseries from a very busy and dangerous Finchley road.

Therefore, on the ground of a heavy pedestrian and traffic congestion along the Finchley road which represents a danger to life I would like to strongly object this application.

3. Religious insensitivity to the residents of Pulse Apartment and surrounding area

I would like to emphasize that residents of the Pulse Apartments are of multiple faiths. This is a hugely sensitive area for many of the residents and this needs to be taken into account. In addition, we have JW3 center across the road which has to at all time manage and maintain appropriate security protections.

While the activities of the Church have a peaceful intent and nature, I cannot exclude some other communities not sharing similar beliefs and practices which puts security aspect for residents of the building into question. Furthermore, I understand that the Liberty Church plans to buy the leasehold which opens the door for potential further on-sale of the premises to some other religious organisations which might be less peaceful, more controversial, etc.

Therefore, on the grounds of the security concerns resulting from the anticipated religious nature of activities I would like to strongly object this application.

4. Other concerns

I understand that the Church will be operating events and possibly a café and I am concerned about the management and space for food deliveries, etc.

I like to understand if the Church has considered the suitability of the building utility facilities (waste, water, etc) to serve 150 people. The Pulse building has been suffering with water leaks for years now and hasn't sorted this problem yet on the residential side. For example, Thames water pipes serving the building often get blocked which results in continuous water works that often interrupt water supplies for the residents of Pulse apartment.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Best Regards,

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