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By email to: planning@camden.gov.uk

Dear Sam Fitzpatrick,

Re: Planning Application: 86a-88 Cleveland Street, W1T 6NJ Ref: 2023/3079/P

Proposal: Change of Use from launderette (Sui Generis) to coffee shop (Class E).

As an individual, long-term resident, I wish to object to this proposed Change-of-Use from Launderette (Sui Generis) to coffee shop (Class E) at 86a-88 Cleveland Street; and thus the loss of the launderette use.

I have lived in Gordon Mansions for more than 40 years. For all this time, I myself have used, and have been dependent upon, this Launderette in Cleveland Street on a regular basis until it closed last year.

I do not know of any other launderettes in the Fitzrovia area. The only other launderette which I know of is to the east, in Marchmont Street in Bloomsbury. Although quite far away, this Marchmont Street launderette might be accessible to, and be an alternative for, residents like myself living on the eastern side of Tottenham Court Road. But the loss of the Cleveland Street launderette will mean that, so far as I know, there will be no launderette to the west of Tottenham Court Road in the Fitzrovia area (Tottenham Court Road to Cleveland Street etc).

I appreciate that this launderette as a business closed recently, but for the above reasons, the **Launderette Use** in Cleveland Street is still vitally needed as a community service for local residents. There are more than enough coffee shops (and Class E uses) already in the Fitzrovia area.

Also, the communal use of washing machines (instead of the use of individual washing machines within each household) is much better for climate change, for ecological and for energy saving reasons.

I would like to urge that this planning application is refused for the above reasons.

Kind regards,

Clive Henderson.

Copy: Charlotte Street Association
Gordon Mansions Residents Association