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Dear all,

I am both shocked and disgusted to read email trails in which local council members and Central Saint Giles continue to justify the construction of a public tv screen in St. Giles Square.

I live on the [REDACTED] floor of Matilda Apartments in an inward facing property. If such a screen is to be built in the proposed location, pedestrians will have full view of the inside of my property. This is a complete invasion of privacy.

As proof, please see the attached image of the right hand corner of my living-room balcony doors, which face out onto the square. The box with the orange, yellow and green stripes in front of my balcony is last year's screen. This photo only shows 50% of the screen and it does not show the seating area arranged by Central Saint Giles that has direct view of my property. Thankfully, the screen was never switched on.



I am a [REDACTED] whose privacy is at risk should this screen be built. It is already a daily frustration to have Google office staff peering into our personal lives at home, I do not need the added stress of hundreds of eyes staring at a screen that sits directly in front of my home. I am quite certain you are aware of the safeguarding risks should paedophiles gain knowledge of the screen and use it as an excuse to peer into my home.

There will also be the added noise pollution. It will be summer and I cannot be forced to keep my windows shut to reduce noise for anyone's financial gain. Poor ventilation is already a struggle in the summer without the screen.

The increase in crowds that will attract the wrong personalities is also a concern. There will be individuals drinking, smoking and littering. This is completely unacceptable in a residential area where there are families with young children residing. We already struggle with local restaurants, such as Cabana with their occasional late open nights during which they pump out dance music, encouraging antisocial behaviour from intoxicated guests. And this is with their doors closed shut.

Why has Central Saint Giles not chosen to face the screen the other way around and closer to the end of the square where their offices are located? Could it be because they wish to protect the privacy and safety of their staff?

Instead of abusing the rights to safety of local residents, your planning team should shift focus onto how St. Giles Square can be turned into a more environmentally conscious and sustainable space. The ripple effects of this would be more beneficial with a more sustained period of financial return, encouraging tourists to spend money at the cafes and restaurants on-site. Consider investment into a greener space with proper plants and water features to focus instead on mental health, calm, cleanliness, respect and the environment, in a space that is increasingly attracting drug dealers, users and mobile phone thieves. Central Saint Giles has to keep replacing a single tree in the square that repeatedly dies when it is planted simply because they do not invest in more conscious causes. Shame on them!

The past year that I have spent as a resident of Camden has been an eye-opener. I cannot stress my disappointment as a resident and member of Camden Voices Against Abuse at how out of touch Camden Council and the Labour Party are becoming across the board. If you cannot advocate for your residents, this is something that I will personally make myself responsible for.

Kind regards,

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