

Hi,

My name is Chantelle and I have been a resident in Chalk Farm, Camden since I was years old and am now . I am emailing to voice my concern over the planning application number 2024/0479/P. I have grown up there and witnessed first-hand how increasingly unaffordable it has become to live - to the point where I am priced out of the area now. This is not unique to myself - I have many friends in the same situation in Camden and other boroughs, many still staying with parents.

I recently saw that Regal have submitted to a plan to build 2 tower blocks with 265 studentt rooms, 24 affordable homes and a ground floor commercial space and new public realm.

I would like to voice my concerns and request that this does not go ahead. 24 (or 30 as they have quoted on social media) homes is a joke and will do very little to help in an area, which already has increasing numbers of expensive luxury flats, and will soon have "micro-room" hotel to the west of the roundhouse. I live on Belmont Street and around the corner an entire building has been converted into flats which cost around £5000 a month just to rent. Chalk Farm, Camden and the rest of London need affordable homes, and has been needing this for many years.

I also am concerned as to the levels of noise and disruption this will cause. Chalk Farm already has a buzzing social scene, with multiple pubs, bars, shops, markets, and even the Roundhouse. It can become very noisy most nights, and the amount of litter left on the streets in the mornings is sometimes beyond disgusting. I have also come home many times in the evening to see men from local bars peeing outside my main door. Having an influx on students on top of all this does make me worried. Alongside this, it has been stated that the construction will cause "moderate" heritage damage to the iconic roundhouse.

Quite frankly, it is worrying to see how the needs of the residents are being completely ignored over profit. As well as this Regal have been trying to promote this planning application across social media - this even came up on my instagram and I will post the screenshot below. There has been no attempts to discuss plans with residents or even get their opinions. I really hope my voice is heard alongside other concerned residents, in this email.

Kindest regards,

Chantelle Linane