

Dear Camden Planning,

I have lived in Crogsland Rd since 1985 and I am writing to express my extreme dismay and opposition to the application above to demolish the current building at 100 and 100a Chalk Farm Road and to replace it with two tower blocks, one for housing and one for a student residence. These are my concerns:

1. The number of recent, current and planned developments in Crogsland Road and around Chalk Farm are excessive. These include The Charlie Ratchford Centre and Verdica, both in Crogsland Rd, the buildings around Chalk Farm Underground and the massive development of the former Morrison's site in Chalk Farm Road.
2. These proposed excessive tower developments will change the character of the local area, put a strain on the infrastructure, increase the difficulty of parking for residents, residents' visitors and tradespeople, and swamp an already overcrowded area with even more people.
3. The height of the towers is out of keeping with the heritage area, right next to the iconic Roundhouse, and are too tall for the location.
4. The area already has a number of large student residences (eg Stay Club Camden at 34 Chalk Farm Rd and Stay Club Kentish Town in Holmes Rd). Students are short term residents, some only here for a week or two, which changes the settled nature of the neighbourhood and destroys the community spirit.
5. The area feels like a building site, with all the noise, dirt and inconvenience that entails. In Crogsland Road we have had years of disruption from previous and current developments, reducing our quality of life. We have reached our limits of tolerance.
6. The current buildings at 100 and 100a Chalk Farm Rd are sound, serviceable buildings, used by the local community. In addition to disruptions mentioned in point 5 above, demolition will have a negative impact on the environment.

I feel that Camden is, once again, putting developers' profits above the needs of the local community, despite our opposition. Please do not inflict any more unnecessary developments on us, leading to the destruction of our neighbourhood,

Regards

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