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2024/3404/P	Georgia Arnold	22/08/2024 15:18:42	OBJ	<p>I've been a dedicated member of this Pilates studio for the past 7 years, and it has become far more than just a place to exercise. Like myself, over 90% of the studio's clients live within a square mile, and everyone walks or cycles to class. The diverse clientele includes pregnant women (in fact, recently one was in labour and still came to class before going to hospital!), elderly individuals (I believe that the oldest right now is 85 years, and he comes faithfully twice a week, every week), and people (like myself) with various physical issues who rely on the studio's accessibility.</p> <p>What I quickly came to realise is that the benefits of this studio extends far beyond physical fitness. It's become a vital community hub, fostering friendships, cycle clubs, coffee meet ups, and providing much-needed support whenever needed. Losing it would be a significant emotional and social loss for our neighbourhood and the beautiful community that uses the studio.</p> <p>I urge the planning committee to carefully consider the negative impact of this proposed development. The studio's closure would not only deprive us who use it of a valuable community resource but there's real potential for it to also harm the local economy (all of us regularly go for coffee, breakfasts and lunches in the cafes around the studio, and do our shopping on Kentish Town High Street straight out of class) and diminish the overall quality of life in our community. The two residential units would by no means provide the joy, the health benefits, and the wonderful community heartbeat that the Pilates studio currently does.</p>

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