

**From:** christian sawyer

**Sent:** 01 October 2024 12:41

**To:** Ewan Campbell

**Subject:** Planning Application 2024/1122/P - Frogna! garages on land west of Ashley Court NW3 7DX

Dear Ewan,

I am writing to you for and on behalf of the congregation of St Andrew's United Reformed Church sited on the corner of Finchley Road and Frogna! Lane NW3 7DY. We wish to express our concerns about the proposed development on land opposite the church buildings on Frogna! Lane. The church, which is a grade 2 listed building has been on this site for more than 120 years. The hilly site is not without its difficulties including the safe access of both elderly and young people to our buildings. The proposed development with all the attendant disruption during building on an already narrow and busy road is a major concern in terms of the safety of our congregation and also the many groups who use our premises during the week. These include a busy ballet school, children's judo classes, Kumon maths, a mixed-age badminton club and two opera groups.

Additionally, on Sunday afternoons and other days as well we have an active Eritrain Lutheran congregation who meet for worship in our buildings, and have done so for the last 20 years.

The gradient on Frogna! Lane and the prospect of excavation to create underground parking etc may well place a direct threat to the fabric of our church buildings on the opposite side of Frogna! Lane. The church has not only been an active witness to the Glory of God for more than 120 years, but also provides a valuable community resource with many non-church groups making use of our premises we consider the proposed development poses a threat to both the buildings and the users of the building.

I would be most grateful to be kept informed of progress, or otherwise on this proposed development,

Yours truly,

Christy Sawyer

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