

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2024/4642/P	Nick Cornwell	12/11/2024 11:38:51	INT	<p>The aim here is incredibly positive, so in general I'm in favour. Having said that, there are two issues I think the Free should be required to address.</p> <p>Aesthetically, this will create a visual wall across the south side of Pond Street, and somewhat reduce the amount of light falling on the street (and my house) especially in winter. It takes a slice of sky from and makes the area look more gloomy and over-developed.</p> <p>I have no patience with the attempt to blend with the original style. Except in the best possible light, the Free is not a particularly beautiful building and we don't need more stark, dehumanising structures. I believe for both aesthetic and environmental reasons any new building in the complex should be required to have green (ie living, growing) walls. I'm just assuming, given that Camden has declared a Climate Emergency, that the building will be required to meet the highest possible environmental standards anyway, but if not: it obviously should.</p> <p>Finally - and critically - the Free should not be able to do any of this without also fixing the traffic flow. It's fundamentally broken at the moment because of people turning to go into the hospital and car park. Every day there are rows, tailbacks, ambulances which can't get through, buses which sit with their engines running, and endless hooting matches. It was happening when I left the house this morning, it will happen later this afternoon and tomorrow and tomorrow etc. I don't care about temporary traffic disruption during construction because it will honestly be hard to tell the difference. The Free entrance as it stands is a constant polluting traffic jam punctuated by swearing and dangerous attempts to go round stopped cars. It wants sorting out rather than worsening.</p>
2024/4642/P	Iain Goalen	12/11/2024 11:24:26	OBJ	<p>The traffic congestion on Pond St caused by the hospital should be addressed before further development takes place that will drive even more traffic into the hospital. It would be a great idea if Pond St was pedestrianised except for ambulance access</p>