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2024/4815/P	John Ward	12/11/2024 18:18:29	OBJ	I was not aware that this space had already been converted from a function room above the pub bar, which was widely used by the local community for neighbourhood meetings and events. Presumably this was done without planning permission and, if so, it would set a terrible precedent for developers to go ahead and apply for permission retrospectively. Although the space is currently closed off, those of us living in the area hope that one day it will be accessible again and can be used as a valuable community asset, as before. So please refuse to grant this planning application.
2024/4815/P	Susan Brown	12/11/2024 11:02:31	INT	I have lived in Nassington Road for sixty years now, and used to much enjoy attending the function room at the Magdala pub. I attended meetings talks, recitals and celebrations. I am sorry if we are going to lose it as a community asset and it turns into a flat, I think this would be a great shame and loss to the community. I would continue to visit for relevant functions if it is allowed to return to community use.
2024/4815/P	Dr Valerie Mars	12/11/2024 11:09:27	APP	This was originally planned as a function room. It was a useful and necessary place for local meetings and events. Essential meetings about the Peace Garden, another local asset were held there. There is no other place to serve the area. It should be returned to its original purpose. When loneliness is a current social problem. Community space is vital. Sincerely, Valerie.
2024/4815/P	Sean Winstanley	12/11/2024 10:25:12	OBJ	I live in the modest block opposite the Magdala Tavern, which is Parliament Court NW3, and we previously used the function room for both our regular residents' meetings and our social events. It is much missed. We have several very elderly residents who cannot comfortably walk much further and so often now miss out on these community events because there is no function room in the pub opposite. In addition, the function room would be good for the growing number of live folk music events (unamplified traditional music) in the Magdala. Recently we held a wake for a resident in the Magdala and it was not ideal to be in the main pub area (which had to close to the public as well). There is also possible 'work from home' use of the room. It really did serve the community well - we're not all millionaires in this area, and it would be good to see the function room back in use for local people. Thanks.
2024/4815/P	geoff van sonsbeeck	12/11/2024 16:47:27	COMMNT	I strongly oppose this application. The function room served a real purpose in the active local community and is greatly missed since the owner closed the internal entrance to the floor. On a couple of occasions I have enquired into using/renting the floor for local gatherings but was advised that the floor was no longer reachable and hence could not be used. Only now i understand this was part of a cunning deception of the public and council. I trust you will see it for what it is and give the community the function room back.
2024/4815/P	Rebecca Harriss	13/11/2024 08:20:59	OBJ	Hi, I'd like to object to this. The community is losing its only function room. I have attended many children's birthday parties, adult parties in this room. It was once well used, not just by this community but by others (at the time I lived in Dartmouth Park. This is a valuable part of what helps make a community... a place to gather.

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2024/4815/P	Xavier Marco del Pont	12/11/2024 16:31:00	OBJ	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>The upstairs function room at The Magdala used to be a space where the community would come together, and it was much more than just a physical space; for decades, it served as a cornerstone for the social and cultural fabric of South End Green and Hampstead. Its multifaceted role in fostering connection, creativity, and a sense of belonging among residents cannot be overstated. From hosting local events to providing a platform for artistic expression, the upstairs room at The Magdala played a crucial part in enriching the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of people in our community.</p> <p>This was for years an essential space for social interaction. In an age where people feel increasingly isolated due to digital distractions and the fast pace of contemporary life, this space offered an opportunity for face-to-face engagement, to meet one's neighbours, and feel a part of our community.</p> <p>Moreover, the upstairs room at The Magdala not only served as an incubators for creativity and artistic expression, but it also provided an affordable and accessible platform for local artists, musicians, performers, and creators to showcase their work. In a time when funding for the arts keeps getting cut, this is particularly crucial. And the ripple effects of having venues such as this are also significant: they attract visitors, support local businesses, and even stimulate tourism, benefiting the local economy.</p> <p>Community venues such as the upstairs space at The Magdala help preserve and strengthen cultural traditions. They can host celebrations, gatherings that honor the community's heritage, parties, exhibitions, and therefore provide a space where the past is honored and the future is nurtured. In conclusion, the upstairs space at The Magdala is not merely a room—it is a dynamic, vital part of the social, cultural, and economic landscape. By offering a space for connection, creativity, artistic expression, and cultural exchange, this venue helped build a strong, resilient community for years. The fact that our community has for so long been deprived of it is a wrong that demands to be made right.</p>

2024/4815/P	Callum	12/11/2024 11:48:41	OBJ	<p>I am writing to formally object to the application for planning permission for a two-bedroom flat on top of The Magdala pub. This beloved pub is not only a historical and social hub but also features an upstairs meeting room that has significant potential for community use. The room could serve as a space for exhibitions, performances, and other local events, providing an invaluable venue for gatherings and creative activities. As the community lacks other suitable meeting facilities, this room is ideally situated to serve as a focal point where residents can come together. Its location at the heart of the community makes it accessible to all and fosters a sense of shared space and connectivity.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is deeply concerning that the flat was created without prior planning permission. The practice of seeking retrospective permission raises questions about the appropriateness of this development and suggests a disregard for local needs and regulations. This retroactive approach to planning feels dismissive of both community interest and due process.</p> <p>For these reasons, I urge you to reconsider the approval of this application and to protect The Magdala pub's potential as a much-needed community facility.</p>
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2024/4815/P	A Finer	12/11/2024 10:35:50	OBJ	<p>An outrageous retrospective attempt to seek sanction for removing a community asset used over many years for a variety of functions.</p> <p>In 2019 Camden Council officially refused a planning application to turn the Magdala's function room into a flat - and the hard-hitting report was posted on the Camden website.</p> <p>An enforcement order is required to stop the owner of the 1st floor function room from benefiting from a development that did not have planning permission.</p>
