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2024/4815/P	Fiona Cunningham-Reid	19/11/2024 22:12:54	COMMNT	The Mandala is an icon, it brings pleasure to many Hampstead Heath visitors and more importantly is a life-line to local community events...I've attended quite a few and especially keen on getting together with locals who share our many concerns regarding flooding, bins, cleaning, licensing and of course private happy functions....no need for yet another flat.
2024/4815/P	Felicity Moir	19/11/2024 10:03:00	OBJ	The communal space at the Magdala is sorely missed. It is so hard to find a venue such as this. I had my wedding party there and a birthday party and attended numerous community events. It is so special. I do think sites such as this need to be preserved. How else can we maintain this unique community which looks after each other and the area.
2024/4815/P	Angela Arthur	19/11/2024 19:27:15	OBJ	I am writing to object against this application to turn the function room of The Magdala Pub into a residential dwelling. This function room was used by the community for many types of events before it was removed by the current owner who despite not having the relevant permissions removed the access staircase and, I believe, converted it into a flat. He is now retrospectively applying for planning permission which I feel shows his contempt for the planning process. We as a community really miss this wonderful space that was widely used. We desperately need to have this space reinstated so that it can once again be enjoyed and used by the local community. We have already seen the neighbouring shops converted into flats and the street does not need more accommodation. The only person to benefit from this application is the applicant who will greatly benefit financially from this.

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2024/4815/P	Geoff	19/11/2024 13:57:22	OBJ	<p>This is the second application to convert the first floor function room into a flat, the first was refused, being contrary to various planning regulations and also, because of the overwhelming objections from the local community.</p> <p>This time, the owner hasn't even bothered to make an application before converting the first floor into a flat, he's just gone ahead and done it, casually flouting planning regulations. People have been living there for some time under cover of translucent window film and the absence of a button for Flat 1 on the entry phone.</p> <p>To title the application, 'Retention of the first floor as a 2 bed dwelling' is a misnomer, or indeed a mis-direction, it never was a dwelling so how can it be 'retained' as such?</p> <p>Landlord, Dick Morgan runs 28 other pubs under his 'Morgan Pub Collective', many of which have function rooms, so it's surprising to see his letter on the application, saying he doesn't want the space as a function room as it would cost too much to run, adding to the cost of the pub. Surely his other pubs show that events held in the function rooms generate significant extra income from sales of alcohol and food. So why not at The Magdala? When The Magdala's function room was in use, before it was closed off by the current owner, comedy nights, music and private events, had it full to bursting.</p> <p>The function room had been a great asset to the local community, a hub of entertainment, celebrations and get-togethers. We want the pub returned to the use for which it was intended, a local pub with a large function room. Not a block of high-end flats.</p> <p>If permission is granted, in a few years the owner could also apply to change this historic, thriving pub, a landmark on 'The Knowledge', into a flat, claiming that it's not a viable business. The pub could then be lost forever and become Magdala Apartments.</p> <p>I strongly object to this application.</p>
2024/4815/P	Mark Ellingham	19/11/2024 11:32:37	OBJ	<p>Retention? This is surely an illegal use of a space that was designated for community use after a large response from locals some years ago? The owner should be ordered to return the space to its previous layout. The same objections remain. The Magdala is a treasured pub which the owner closed for several years in an attempt to convert it into flats. The first floor, before the owner's acquisition, had a vibrant life, hosting local parties, stand-up comedy evenings (these were pre-Edinburgh Festival warm-ups), concerts of various kinds. If it was returned to use, it would become again a valuable community asset.</p>

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2024/4815/P	M Bahoshy	19/11/2024 09:46:04	OBJ	<p>The Magdala is a true heart of the local community - unlike the other pubs in the area, this one feels like it really is a part of the local residents, fostered by the friendly staff, homey nature and events. What would truly support its place as a fundamental part of the community is retaining a space that can be rented out for events from music nights, to local celebrations, as well as hosting meet ups, and gatherings for the wellbeing of the residents (e.g. choir, yoga, wellbeing chats).</p> <p>In addition, the history and vibe of this community is one that is centred on the arts, and the function room should serve as a hub for that - for theatres, comedy nights, exhibitions, etc.</p> <p>Permission was never given for the conversion, should not be 'retained' and should definitely revert back to its old glory as a function room.</p>
2024/4815/P	Jane Gizbert	19/11/2024 19:52:33	OBJ	<p>I would like to register my objection to the application to develop a 2 bedroom flat on the first floor of the Magdela pub. The Magdela is an important gathering place for local residents and visitors to the area. The first floor space has been used for so many wonderful occasions over the years and our hope is to see the venue returned to place for celebrations, learning and leisure pursuits, and a venue for community activities and meetings. I celebrated my 50th birthday in the first floor dining area and hope to see many more such festivities take place there in the future.</p>
2024/4815/P	Brigitte Emma Ward-Holmes	20/11/2024 08:15:31	OBJ	<p>I object to this application.</p> <p>The function room was a great asset to the community. I used it back in 2009 as an office/lunch room for a short film we were shooting nearby in Tanza road. Nothing like it in the area it was very handy! Comedy nights were memorable too. Please reinstate it!.</p>
2024/4815/P	Rachel Mason	19/11/2024 12:27:05	OBJ	<p>As a community we miss this function room. We need this place for all things community – whether they're happy or sad gatherings, it's invaluable. This is essential as it can provide so much that's needed from committee space to functions. Bringing people and ideas together. It's a much missed part of the fabric of South End Green</p>
2024/4815/P	Daphne Walker	19/11/2024 20:51:30	COMMNT	<p>The function room at the Magdala is an important place for community get togethers and it would be wonderful for it to function again as it was intended. Local space available for communal use should be protected as it is vitally important in the healthy functioning of a neighborhood and larger urban community.</p>