

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2024/4642/P	Steven Bobasch	20/11/2024 11:36:43	OBJ	<p>My objection arises from the constant and increasing traffic problem on Pond Street .</p> <p>I understand that a report was delivered to the Royal Free Hospital in December 2023 and they shared it with representatives of local residents' groups. The report describes the traffic congestion and pollution problems in Pond Street caused by blockages and tailbacks of cars trying to access the hospital site and puts forward a number of suggestions to alleviate those problems.</p> <p>The traffic congestion and pollution problems in Pond Street were greatly increased following the building of the Pears Building and the resulting road changes.</p> <p>The hospital then claimed that almost halving the public parking provision and building over the old slip road that gave access to and egress from the old car park would lead to a corresponding reduction in patients etc. wanting to come to the hospital by car and that if there are fewer spaces available then fewer people would want to come by car.</p> <p>This has proven to be incorrect sadly. Traffic has increased not only in Pond Street but also in the feeder roads which are more residential such as Hampstead Hill Gardens, Fleet Road and South End Green. The reduction in parking</p> <p>The traffic congestion and pollution caused by the hospital does not only effect Pond Street but also South End Green and Hampstead Hill Gardens. As there are not enough parking spaces available for Blue Badge holders some need to park their cars on residents' bays in Hampstead Hill Gardens</p> <p>Uber drivers waiting for their passengers who are leaving the hospital often wait for them at the Pond Street end of Hampstead Hill Gardens on yellow lines or residents' bays or sometimes even double-parking creating further congestion at that end of the street. Please remember that Pond Street is a bus route and a parked car cannot be passed by a bus.</p> <p>I therefore urge the Planning approval to be given only if the Hospital provides a better traffic plan both during construction and afterwards.</p> <p>I understand that there was a suggestion by the Hospital's own Traffic Consultants of converting the road leading down to the car park and heart attack unit from 2 lanes into 3 lanes with the extra lane being solely for cars waiting for a car park space to become available. Sadly the new pillars that would support the proposed new building would restrict the width of the road and preclude this possibility.</p>

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