

Dear Camden Planning,

You will probably be aware that we are the local Residents Association for the area which includes these premises.

Over the last fifty plus years of our existence and our work with Camden, we have been accepted by Camden officers and councillors as genuinely representative and responsible.

We have circulated the planning application to members via our email group of 400+ and our WhatsApp group of 234 members.

The responses have been universally negative, with many objections, including those that have been posted on the planning portal.

One member, Jenny Rossiter from Alma Street, summarises the following excellent points which raise serious concerns from a safety point of view.

"1. The proposed hotel will add to the traffic and congestion of an already very dangerous corner. There is no proposed car park or drop off area, so how will those arriving by car alight to enter the hotel? Also there are traffic restrictions to Holmes Road and traffic is not allowed into this street while children are arriving or leaving St Patrick's school.

2. The proposal will add to already congested pavements. At any one time the pavement area outside McDonalds is full of customers and bike drivers waiting for their next home delivery. The proposal will only add to this congestion with hotel customers arriving throughout the day and night with their wheeled suitcases."

We would also endorse and adopt the other objections and in particular those of KTNF and of Gerald and Joyce Hawting who live directly opposite and know the location better than anyone.

Those of us who live here already frequently see alarming near accidents on the junction of Holmes Road and the high street. If this application is granted there would be an increased risk of serious, possible fatal accidents.

Debby Hyams, Chair
David Jockelson, Secretary.