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I write to represent the views of the joint freeholders–leaseholders of the three apartments comprising 63 Jamestown Road. While welcoming local regeneration, we wish to express deep concern at the specific nature of the development of 33–35 Jamestown Road as currently put forward and to propose emendations of the plans, to counter the negative impact of the plans on the immediate area.

The height of the building as proposed at seven storeys with rooftop plant, together with its character and construction, feels entirely inappropriate for the southern aspect of Jamestown Road, extending from landmark The Glass Building and public house on the junction of Jamestown and Arlington Roads to the junction of Jamestown and Oval Roads. This has always been a predominantly residential community, and historic in character, comprising a nineteenth-century terrace from No 61 to No 85 (Nos 61, 63 and 65 being tasteful modern facsimiles of Georgian style), and likewise Victorian commercial buildings at No 54. Condemning a venerable Camden streetscape of varied heritage and established residential character to become a gloomy canyon through the imposition of such a monolith is clearly a retrogressive step. Light will be blocked out, not only to the detriment of the adjacent residential properties, but also to those working at the commercial premises on the opposite side of the road, at numbers 32 and 34–36. Abutting at such an extreme height to within metres of the terrace houses from number 61 onwards, the proposed building will also infringe on the privacy of residents, both on their balconies forming the southern aspect of the terrace, and in the precious greenery of their gardens below.

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Disturbance from construction work over several years will diminish the quality of life of Jamestown Road residents, and employees in adjacent businesses, whatever precautions are implemented. How will construction be integrated with Camden Council's ongoing plans for the reform of traffic flows, to cause minimal inconvenience to residents and road users in terms of congestion, access and road safety? And has the impact on other parameters, for example air pollution, been realistically assessed in this proposal?

Regarding the primary function of the development, as student accommodation, the question of degree of disturbance in the vicinity, and likely saturation of its resources, by the numbers envisaged clearly remains a matter for scrutiny, and partly contingent upon the final permitted dimensions of the new building. However, simply from empirical evidence, we would question both the need and capacity for the area to absorb such an influx of temporary residents.

Jamestown Road has also for many years maintained a delicate equilibrium between its residential, historic character, and the westward encroachment of commercial elements from the High Street and the nearby Camden Market. The proposal for flexible ground-floor business units in part of the development threatens to upset that balance. Though they are designated for Class E use, it is essential that there are in place safeguards prohibiting the extension of their use to that of late-night bars, nightclubs and other potential sources of noise and disturbance to local residents. Provision to protect residents from the disturbance of early morning deliveries to those units should likewise be considered. And the location of the commercial units

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Kind Regards,

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