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Comments on this amended application

I make these comments on the amended phase 1 O2 site development as a former local Councillor, with 30 years of experience on Camden's Planning Committee.

It is a matter of general agreement that the O2 site should be utilised for much-needed and affordable housing but this latest amended application seems only to provide single aspect rabbit hutches in the sky and increase the numbers of people on the site.

The additional floors are a grotesque addition to blocks which were already too high and extremely deleterious to the North London landscape. English Heritage pointed this out in its objections to the original outline application (already approved by Camden Council) citing the numerous conservation areas that these towers would dominate over and intrude upon.

However, one of the main problems is simply the likely effect on the already over-stretched local infrastructure. With the best will in the world, you cannot simply pour hundreds of people in and expect the system to cope. These extra flats in Stage 1 will no doubt accommodate families not just single residents, so that doubles or triples the problem.

Furthermore, although some concession has been made to increase green space(by about the size of a tennis court) , it is still significantly and lamentably below Camden's own required standards,

This is a monstrous and greedy amendment to what is already a flawed and gross overdevelopment, on a site which could have provided first class truly affordable (at a social rent) accommodation for desperate families. This amendment simply makes the situation worse!

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Thanks Beth!