

I am deeply concerned by this s75 planning application to reduce both the numbers of Social Housing and Affordable Housing units at the former Morrisons site, and would like to object to the application.

In Camden we have many families and individuals who are waiting to be rehoused. Many are living with family members in seriously overcrowded conditions. Many are living in the Private Rented Sector again in difficult conditions with ever increasing rental payments. This situation has a knock on effect both on our diversity within our communities and our schools, families just can't afford to live in Camden anymore! So we are having to close schools and the rich diversity we prided ourselves on in Camden is being eroded.

It's a well known fact that all members of families living in overcrowded conditions suffer. Children don't achieve their potential at school, overcrowding promotes anxiety, mental health issues, trauma and deep unhappiness. The cumulative effect is corrosive on people's lives. We want people to thrive in Camden and adequate, safe and warm housing provides the room for them to thrive and grow!

We also expect a good balance between privately owned accommodation and other tenures. This proposal will affect the mix of homes in this development, and I remember attending meetings for three years with a group of people who were working towards providing the best advice to the developers in order for them to deliver a site of mixed tenure which worked for all residents.

One planning application was turned down as it didn't meet the planning committee's criteria of what they felt would benefit Camden residents – so I am very saddened that the developers are now trying to change what they promised in numbers, when we need more not less affordable and social accommodation

Councillor Patricia Callaghan