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Response:

Here we have yet another case of venture capitalists trying to make a quick profit by speculating in public houses at the expense of the local community. I hope that the primary objective of the Council is to protect the interests of the local community. The Richard Steele is practically the last of the traditional pubs on Haverstock Hill between Camden Town and Hampstead. If flats were allowed on the premises, the residents would naturally soon request a curbing of licensing hours and other facilities enjoyed by the regulars. The pub would soon become non-viable as a profit making enterprise - despite any Council protection of the license.

As I understand the situation, the Richard Steele is not even owned by Fawcett Inns, they have merely been chosen to manage it by a group of venture capitalists - doubtless because Fawcett Inns have a reputation for commercially exploiting the potential value of licensed premises. Please do not let this last traditional pub go the way of all the others - don't allow the Belsize Park area to become a ghost town.
