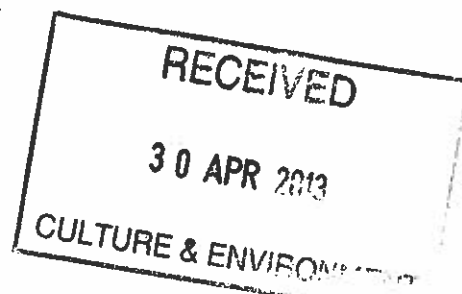


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Dear Richard McEllistrum

Re: Planning application-2012/1614/P 59-61 Leighton Road: The Gloucester Arms

The local residents of Leighton Road Neighbourhood Association have strong objections to this application to demolish the Gloucester Arms public house – an example of early Arts and Crafts architecture - and to erect two buildings of flats and a commercial unit.

We are very concerned that the proposed height of the rear building still severely restricts the light-lines of the residents in adjacent buildings, and we request that for this reason, it be reduced by a storey to one storey above ground level. We are also concerned about the commercial unit as there is an excess of commercial property in Kentish Town, including in the converted Tally-Ho pub and the empty premises at the rear of Sainsbury's.

The appearance and bulk of the front building are incompatible with the surrounding houses in Leighton Road and the conservation area it faces. The building could and should be redeveloped using the existing building or facade, as has been carried out very successfully by developers of other pubs in the area including in Torriano Avenue, Falkland Road and The Black Horse in Royal College Street. Such development would preserve the energy and materials incorporated in the present building, and be in line with aims of sustainability.

We therefore ask that this application be rejected on these grounds.

Yours sincerely

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