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In cases of Murder or Drugs cases the investigators look to the person who will benefit to solve the crime. Follow the money?

With the planning recently granted for change of use of the building that houses the much loved, and may well result in the closure of the well used, much loved Tri Yoga, it is hard to see where the benefit will lie.

Will more housing provide extra revenue for the council? Surely the council receive valuable business rates from Tri Yoga and all the rest of the working spaces currently under threat of being emptied to supply additional luxury housing. Erskine Road, Utopia Village.

It is hard not to think that the main benefit will be to the property developers or landlord, and that will be a short term gain which does not seem to offer any credible justification for the loss to the community.

So many small local businesses are housed in these buildings. With amazing resources that service not only the local economy but also the mental well-being, the spirit of the area. The community has suffered so much of this type of loss that comes with so called 'gentrification', the rising rents and pressures on local resources have seen the closure of our local library, we mourn the loss of many a local shop, the shared spaces in which we feel like a community are being picked off like the song birds in Africa. I would look to the local council would attempt to preserve and protect the good balance of communities and sense of neighbourhood.

I would also like to note the following.

1. Leeder House and the other units are suitable for continued business

use and should be protected as such as indicated by policy DP13;

2. The site is within the Primrose Hill Conservation Area. The change of

use and the proposed physical alterations are out of keeping with the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

3. A comprehensive approach should be taken to the development of all land/buildings at 6 Erskine Road including Triyoga so that the impacts can be fully understood and assessed e.g. employment lost aside from what we believe will be the huge negative impact on the High Street and its daily trade.

Yours sincerely,

