

JOINT COMMENTS on:

- **Planning Application - 2013/5947/P**

Site AddressThe Greenwood Centre Greenwood Place & Highgate Day Centre London NW5

- **Planning Application - 2013/6025/P**

Site AddressRaglan House 1 Raglan Street London NW5 3DB

Camden is asking people's views on their plans for the Greenwood Place development. They propose to build the Centre for Independent Living (CIL) bringing various disability and older people's services under one roof, and a block of flats where Highgate Day Centre now stands. As well as demolishing the buildings there, they want to convert nearby Raglan House into flats – moving its services for people with dementia to the CIL.

Until we have answers to the questions we have been asking, we can't say whether any of this will be an improvement. All we know is that people are worried: in July, people with learning disabilities complained anonymously to the CNJ that they are being 'thrown away like weeds'. <http://www.camdennewjournal.com/john-gulliver-greenwood-weeds%E2%80%9999-lament>

- Will room rental at the new building be affordable for unfunded and grassroots groups, or will commercialised terms and conditions leave groups homeless? (Some now rely on a low service charge agreement for their meeting space at Greenwood Place.)
- Some centres that were due to be closed down have survived, but now have to fundraise from charities, donations and selling things instead of being properly supported by Camden. Will this happen to other groups?
- How much will people going to the CIL be charged to go there, and who will decide

this?

- What wages and contracts will care staff at the new Centre be on – a living wage or the zero hour contracts which are impoverishing paid carers and destroying the services they provide?
- Why are private flats being built when there is so much need for Council housing?
- Why is a community centre being placed on an industrial estate? And why is it being hidden behind the block of flats, which will be at the front in Highgate Road?
- How are users expected to get to the CIL, when the Kentish Town stations are not accessible?
- How much disability parking on site will there be for staff and users? What is the impact on people living in nearby roads?

How can anyone respond to the consultation when this information has not been made available? We look forward to a complete answer to our questions.

