

## General enquiry form - Ref. 8794666

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TO: ISLINGTON AND CAMDEN  
PLANNING DEPARTMENTS

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As the Granville Square Residents' Association, we are writing to to object to the above planning proposals for Mount Pleasant

These are the main grounds for our objection to the development:

#### IT IS TOO HIGH

Parts of the Islington side of the development, particularly along Farringdon Road, Calthorpe Street and Mount Pleasant, are too high, compromising light, views, and streetscape, and creating pollution. This height negatively affects the surrounding Conservation Zones. It is incompatible with the character, scale and context of the neighbourhood, all of which are highlighted as important factors in the SPD - the early planning document that introduced the scheme. The entire scheme is unsympathetic in all aspects architecturally to the entire neighbourhood in which it resides.

#### IT DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACE

There are little or no new amenities for the neighbours and residents of the proposed accommodation. There needs to be more green public space in this urban area - not just a planted thoroughfare that will be compromised by the almost permanent shadow cast by the tall buildings along its southern face (called Block F in the planning

proposal).

#### TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT WILL BE MORE CONSTRICTED

The impact of additional passenger movement on public transport, eg. frequency of buses serving the area, requirement of cycling lanes, adequacy of the width of surrounding roads especially those leading to the access points of the development, have not been properly thought through.

#### THERE IS LITTLE CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPACT OF NEW RESIDENTS

With approximately 2000 new residents potentially on site, we are concerned about the impact on the wider infrastructure, from pressure on parking and increased traffic, to local doctors' surgeries, schools and public transport. Granville Square is one of the two nearby public spaces and we are concerned about the impact on the Square of a marked increase in people walking their dogs (and the associated mess), and the potential for increased levels of anti-social behaviour (e.g. drug dealing).

#### THE DESIGN IS INWARD FACING

We believe that the design is too inward facing and fortress-like, favouring the views of the inhabitants - especially in the "Meadow", by the Royal Mail building and the central "Block H", which remains very high on its outer north and east faces, towering over the neighbours. This will inadvertently create an air of exclusivity of the development and the inhabitants which goes against the idea of integration into the surrounding area.

#### THE PLANNING APPLICATION PROCESS IS TOO SHORT

And launched in the summer lull. If local residents are to give meaningful responses to this large and complex application, we should be given more time to assess the proposal. Not all surrounding residents are aware or have been made aware of the details of this planning application.

#### THE BUILDING PROCESS IS TOO LONG

The neighbours will suffer from the building process, which is stated will reach until 2020.

The building period must be kept short to minimise disruption.

Could you supply a response to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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