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Sent: 08 August 2013 11:07
To: McEllistrum, Richard
Cc: 'Debbie Radcliffe'
Subject: Cartwright Gardens

Dear Richard,

I write on the advice of Debbie Radcliffe, who has alerted me to the fact that the statement I posted on the Camden Council site with regard to the proposed Cartwright Gardens development was not registered.

As a trained architect, it is clear to me that the Cartwright Gardens proposal has several issues that will affect the local built environment in a negative way. In brief I consider these to be:

- an unsympathetic treatment of building heights in relation to the significant historic Georgian crescent that it faces
- a monolithic massing, which is at odds to the range of heights, and zoning uses, that surround the Gardens and neighbouring streets
- overlooking issues to residents of Sandwich Street

As a resident in this area, I feel that the development has not taken due consideration of the fact that it is largely a residential neighbourhood. Replacing the varied scale and massing of the current Halls of Residence with a large, impervious piece of architecture that appears to be scaled for commercial use is, in my view, inappropriate to this area.

If you could please confirm receipt of this (second) request for the Council to reconsider approval of the scheme, I'd be grateful.

Regards,
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