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Dear Mr McEllistrum,

re Planning Application number 2013/1598/P, University of London Garden Halls and Cartwright Gardens Open Space London WC1H 9FF - 9EF

In the early 1980's I was briefly resident in Judd Street; and ever since then, whenever my work or my leisure has brought me to London (approximately three weeks every year), I have made a point of taking accommodation in the Bloomsbury area - usually either in one of the hotels in the lovely crescent of Cartwright Gardens, or in a rented flat in Sandwich Street or Thanet Street. I return to this area because I so enjoy the quiet charm of this area - terraces of Victorian houses on a human scale, with Tavistock Square (home of Leonard and Virginia Woolf and all the "Bloomsbury set") just round the corner.

I was most distressed to learn of the university's plan to place an ugly nine-storey block in the middle of this delightful area. I worry that a building of this scale will dwarf the existing houses, taking away not only space but light. I worry that it will lay the way open for further developments which are out of scale with the neighbourhood. And I worry that the historic charm of the area will be destroyed, and the whole local community ignored and placed in the shadow of new high-rise student accommodation. I urge you to refuse the university permission to go ahead with the proposed building in its present planned form; and I urge you to ensure that all developments in this delightful corner of London be designed so as to complement, rather than to destroy, the area's unique character.

Yours sincerely,

