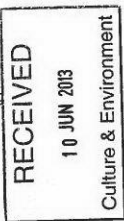


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Dear Mr McEllistram,

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

I am writing on behalf of the London School of Economics (LSE) in support of the above planning application.

As background, the LSE currently places around 350 students every academic year in intercollegiate halls of residence of which 100 are allocated to Cartwright Gardens. This University owned and managed facility is vital for LSE students many of whom are international and engaged in postgraduate courses involving research which benefits the wider economy of London and the UK.

Having reviewed the proposed scheme LSE supports the planning application which, if approved, will provide modernised, well managed and affordable university accommodation for students of the various colleges'. Furthermore, the location for LSE students is beneficial being less than one mile from the main campus at Houghton Street. An increase of 187 students over existing numbers is also welcomed and we believe the effect of this small increase will be negligible on the local community or the infrastructure.

Compared to the private sector university accommodation rental levels are consistently more economical and offer better value for money. In a wider context, students living in university accommodation alleviate pressure in the private housing sector. We therefore urge the Council to approve this application for much needed student accommodation in central London.

Yours sincerely,

