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Dear Richard McEllistrum,

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the above planning application. I live at 63 Sandwich House, directly overlooking the stretch of Sandwich Street where new townhouses are proposed.

I object to this application because it will reduce most of natural light from my flat and most of the others along this side of Sandwich Street. We only get sunlight in the afternoon here, and I can at the moment see some of the sky. The little view of the sky and Cartwright Gardens tree-tops currently visible will be blocked out. This may seem a trivial matter, but to be able to see a sunset, clouds, or a corner of the night sky now and then are simple, heartwarming pleasures which should be freely available to all. Just keep the new buildings, if they must be built, lower!

Neither, in my opinion, does the proposed development fit well with the character of Bloomsbury in general and Cartwright Gardens in particular.

But my main objection is the reduction of sunlight. Some of us in this block are not young, and the view from one's window is that much more important if you can't get out easily.

And natural daylight is, as we all know, beneficial to health.

I have lived here since 1967 - when the buildings now under threat of demolition were being built, with all the noise and dust that involves. At present this street is a pleasantly quiet backwater of Bloomsbury. Noise, of course, is also a relevant issue. So please let's retain the relative peace and quiet of this little street.

But most of all, as a certain VIP said - let there be light.

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