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Fergus Freeney,
Regeneration and Planning Development Management,
London Borough of Camden,
Town Hall,
Judd Street,
London WC1H 8ND.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application No 2014/3590/P – 7-9 Crowndale Road

As representatives of all the tenants and residents of the Godwin & Crowndale Tenant Management Co-operative we would like to strongly express our very deep objections to the proposed change of use of 7-9 Crowndale Road to a Somalian Community Centre. Our objections are based around our policy of consulting and closely engaging with all tenants/ residents and leaseholders and shop proprietors on all matters that affect our local community.

Collectively we are a diverse community that crosses many cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds and are very proud of the way that we all work together.

I have listed below all the key issues that we have objected to, with a view that you strongly take these into serious consideration before reaching your decision:-

- (a) We currently have a Community Centre and Mosque located in Godwin Court that serves all our tenants/residents and neighbouring communities. We have Somalian groups that use the Community Centre 4 times a week for various activities such as a homework club.
- (b) The proposed Somalian Community Centre is not inclusive of all the groups that we have on the estate.
- (c) We have very limited parking spaces on the Estate and the increase of vehicles that this centre would surely bring would cause nothing but problems for our tenants/residents.
- (d) Ahe Somalian Community Centre would not bring anything to the estate and the TMC would rather encourage services that benefitted the local community and encourage community shopping.

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(e) The use of 7-9 Crowndale Road would benefit the whole community and our tenants/ residents if the current Dental Surgery at 11 Crowndale Road were allowed to expand his practice, as with all the recent changes/closures of local GP Surgeries our tenants are struggling to find local doctors. The dental surgery expanding into a Medical Centre would provide services for them such as GPs, Chiropody and Physiotherapy department to name just a few.

This would also bring work opportunities to the area and would benefit our young and elderly residents in a most beneficial way.

(f) 7-9 Crowndale Court backs onto our green area and we would not give permission to anyone other than our own tenants/residents to use this area as we can foresee that large numbers of visitors to the community centre would impact on the quite enjoyment of this area.

(g) The increase in footfall would put an additional strain on the maintenance of the estate. We have had our Management and Maintenance allowances cut several times over the years and already find it difficult to control and maintain the estate.

We have also included a petition which was carried out amongst local residents and copies of objections made from local business, residents, tenants and leaseholders.

We are aware that keys have already been given to this group. Because of this and the lack of consultation undertaken we would like to meet with you as soon as possible and before any further decisions are taken on the outcome of the premises.

Yours faithfully,



Lola Cordara Soanes

Chair

For and on behalf of the

Godwin & Crowndale TMC