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2014/6845/P	Caroline Richmond	62a Woodside Park Rd London N12 8RS	01/12/2014 14:24:53	SUPPRT	<p>I'd like to register my support for the new Royal Free immunology building.</p> <p>I'm a medical journalist and a Royal Free immunology patient. The treatment I receive at the Free (for immune deficiency) has transformed my life from one of constant and sometimes life-threatening infections to one of good health. The proposed building, which I understand has two stories below ground level and five above, should fit harmoniously in the available space and will, I consider, be an asset to Pond Street.</p> <p>Immune system diseases affect a huge number of people. There can be few who do not have relatives or friends who do not have an allergy, eczema, asthma, or auto-immune diseases. The rise of transplant surgery -- done at the Free -- brings up the problem of rejection, and we need better methods of preventing transplant rejection. The Royal Free is an internationally-recognised centre of excellence for immunology, and Hampstead should be proud of it.</p> <p>In the 1960s and 70s I was a Belsize Park resident and can remember the considerable opposition to moving the hospital to Pond Street. In the long run, the hospital has been an asset to the local community, including its businesses. It has led to better public transport in the area, and better food shops.</p> <p>I can understand that the street's residents might fear the impact of the new building. However, that impact will include hospital services that many of them will use and value.</p>
2014/6845/P	Julia Palca	3 Pond Street London NW3 2PN	01/12/2014 14:22:38	SUPPRT	<p>As a resident of Pond Street and Chairman of the Royal Free Charity I am fully supportive of the planning application for the Pears Building.</p> <p>I have been involved in the proposal since its inception and have seen the plans develop from a design that reflected the 1960's designed Royal Free Hospital through to the Sir Michael Hopkins & Partners design which reflects the outstanding nature of Hampstead and will enhance this area.</p> <p>The design and mass of the building are a modern take on the old Hampstead Hospital. This will rejuvenate this area, which for years has been a mismatch of bland concrete and contrasting vegetation.</p> <p>That is not the primary reason I support the application.</p> <p>The new facility will improve the Royal Free and the lives of its patients; whether they benefit from the medical research that will be conducted or the extra specialist facilities we can provide to those patients staying in the building. It will also provide additional facilities for staff and the 400 volunteers that are dedicated to the Royal Free and its patients.</p> <p>Throughout my involvement, both as a resident overlooking the site and as Chairman of the Charity we have listened to the views of patients, the clinicians, local residents and other stakeholders. It is why the building impressively embraces Hampstead and allows a wider audience to benefit from the site.</p>