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Dear planners

Assuming the Gt Ormond St Hospital's plans ([2014/6068/P](#)) for a Centre for Research into Rare Diseases of Children goes ahead in Guilford Street and that the application for changes to the frontage of Coram's Fields, currently being planned, go ahead as well, the common realm in Guilford Place will change very considerably.

We understand the GOS plans would include some expenditure on the public realm there, mainly to the paving with the possibility of the road surface being raised up as a table to eliminate the curbs.

What apparently will not get any improvement is the central island with the toilets. The buildings - listed - are decaying and neglected and will be an eyesore when the new structures to the north and east are completed. The island site is owned by the University of London, but they do not think their title to it is strong enough for them to sell it - which they tell us they would if they could.

We have heard suggestions that the Council regards Guilford Place as a regeneration area, and I'm writing to ask if this is the case and if so, whether you have any plans for the island site.

Yours

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