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From: Irving Stone [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 December 2014 10:30
To: Thuairé, Charles
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Dear Mr Thuairé,

Having lived most happily in Hampstead for nearly 20 years I have to say that I am dismayed by the thought of the proposed extension to the Royal Free.

My overall reaction is that what is already an eyesore and a blot on the landscape is going to be made even worse by the proposed extension. The resulting conglomeration of buildings is going to be out of all proportion to the character of the area.

Traffic in the Hampstead area is already highly congested and any further influx of traffic is going to make the situation even worse.

During any period of construction that the movement of heavy vehicles is inevitably going to cause gridlock in an already overcrowded area.

Living in Hampstead Hill Gardens I can foresee the traffic is going to use that road as a cut-through to Haverstock Hill transforming what is currently a quiet and safe crescent into a busy traffic artery with its attendant noise and risk to pedestrians, including children.

So far as the proposed hotel is concerned I suggest that the nearby premier Inn could continue to provide accommodation to friends, families, and patients probably at less cost than the capital expenditure involved in constructing a new hotel.

The other activities which are envisaged for the new complex could surely be carried out at another hospital in North London where there is greater room for expansion for example at Chase Earm.

Parking in this area of Hampstead is already of limited availability and at times it is almost impossible for local residents with parking permits to find a parking space. The problem is going to be exacerbated by the loss of parking facilities which currently exist for the hospital and the need for visitors to utilise the already stretched parking facilities in the area.

This proposal represents a potential disaster for the local residents as well as adversely affecting the unique ambience and general quality of life in Hampstead.

I very much hope that the planning application which has been made will be refused

Yours sincerely,

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