From: Thuaire, Charles
Sent: 08 December 2014 12:02

To: Planning

Subject: FW: RFH's proposed new Institute

Please register this on m3 as an objection to **2014/6845/P** thanks

Charles Thuaire Senior Planning Officer

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From: Gillian McCredie

Sent: 08 December 2014 11:51

To: Thuaire, Charles

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Planning Application 2014/6845/P - Royal Free Hospital.

Dear Charles Thuaire,

I am writing to oppose the above application from the Royal Free Hospital.

My main concern is that the RF site is already very densely developed; over the years I've been aware of continued and piecemeal development.

A development such as the one proposed would significantly increase traffic in Pond Street, South End Green, Haverstock Hill and surrounding roads. As a local resident who daily walks through this area I know the extent to which these roads are already grid locked and this situation can only get worse if this development were to go ahead. (And, of course the planned increase in A& E capacity will also impact on traffic congestion).

The development is also totally out of scale for the area for which it is planned: why is a two storey hotel included when there is a perfectly good hotel across the road on Haverstock Hill?

I am also concerned about the ways in which the proposal would alter the character of the area - it will radically alter sight lines - and, in particular, the environmental impact: the loss of green space, the consequences for the meadow at Hampstead Green and the impact on St Stephens.

I would like to know if there is a strategic plan for the development of the Royal Free and Barnet and Chase Hospital sites. Of course, I want the Royal Free to continue as a centre of excellence and I'm sure a good case can be made for the Institute - but where should it be located? I feel strongly that all options should be considered and local residents properly consulted on such an important development.

Yours, Gillian McCredie