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Please register this on m3 as an objection to 2014/6845/P
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To: Thuaire, Charles
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Dear Mr Thuaire

A few objections to the Royal Free proposed development.

Too large a building and loss of green space

The existing Hospital is already hugely out of character with the surrounding *residential* area. The proposed new building is dwarfing wonderful St Stephens, which was for good reasons surrounded by green free space until now. It will result in the loss of the memorial garden and various trees.

Negative impact onto the Hampstead Hill School

The school will be affected by loss of light and privacy, as it can be overlooked from the upper floors of the planned building.

Transport and parking problems

The transport situation in Pond is now already so bad, we take sometimes up to 7minutes just to exit our front gardens or garages, as traffic often comes to a standstill from top to bottom because of lorries, refuse collectors, and RFH visitors. *This is scarcely a safe quick access for A&E vehicles, particularly as the A&E department wants to expand drastically!*

The existing visitors car park, already now too small, will have to be heavily reduced, the same applies to the staff car park.

As a result there will be many more cars driving round, looking for drop off and parking possibilities in the surrounding streets as Pond St is a "no stop" street, but people will continue to come by car!

The few cars less driving in future no more via Pond St into the under ground car park, will be more than outnumbered by visitors.

(It is incomprehensible to me how a huge project, like the planned RFH extension, cannot come up with a more responsible access & parking solution for visitors & staff, and not disregard the existing traffic blockages).

Building disruption

Lorries with restricted access will block traffic flow even more, causing total gridlock chaos. The noise & dust will affect all residents living near by.

Deep excavation damage

Deep excavation will endanger not only St Stephens' foundations but many residents' houses further down the road.

At the last major RFH building project (new underground access to the A&E a few years ago) I ran across the road to alarm the project manager that lots of fine cracks appeared with the vibration of the underpinning in my house built 1721, last but one at the bottom of Pond St.

He reassured me that underpinning will stop at once, as it has caused damage to sensitive instruments at the RFH itself!

Lack of master plan

Since the 1970s so many various changes have happened in total absence of a proper master plan, for now and for the future, which seems essential for a building like the RFH and should be available to inform the public.

For all the above reasons I object to the proposed building

Best regards
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