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Subject: Planning Application Number: 2014/6845/P - Objection

For the attention of the Camden Planning Team

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I'm writing to object to the current proposal to erect a new seven storey building on the site of the Heath Strange Garden at the Royal Free Hospital. The proposed new building will contain a laboratory/research space for the Institute for Immunity and Transplantation, a patient hotel, Royal Free Charity offices plus a replacement car park of 58 spaces.

Since the end of 2011 I have been part of a local community gardening group organised by Transition Belsize, who along with young people from the Royal Free School and children from the Rosary Primary School have been actively involved in co-creating a community permaculture garden in one of the large beds sited in the Heath Strange Garden. Together we have created a beautiful space which has added greatly to the Heath Strange Garden and is much enjoyed by all who use the garden.

Having now seen the current drawings and plans for this proposed development I am very concerned about the many impacts this very large scale development will have.

My main concerns are:

- the loss of a valued and historic communal green space, which is a green oasis in a heavily built-up area, much used and enjoyed by members of the local community, patients, staff and visitors to the hospital.
- the very large scale of the development in an already incredibly densely built-up area - in particular the proposed height of the building.
- the impact of noise, dust and pollution from plant equipment on those living, studying and working in the neighbourhood.
- the impact on St Stephen's Church - in particular to its foundations if such a huge scheme goes ahead so close by.
- the impact on the local School - both in terms of disturbance and potential loss of natural light into the school.
- the potential loss of mature trees and shrubs because of the development.
- that the current plans mention a possible 'replacement garden', however where and what this replacement would actually be is very unclear. I understand that it may not actually be sited at the hospital!

Many thanks for your assistance, I look forward to hearing from you.

My ward councillors in copy.

Yours sincerely,

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