

Dear Mr Thuaire

Planning Application 2014/6845/P – Royal Free Hospital

As a local resident I wish to object to the Royal Free Hospital's application for the following reasons:

Impact on and loss of green spaces

Hampstead Green, which is at present a pleasant meadow and a natural habitat bordered by a cobbled walkway, will be dominated by a 7-storey building along its entire length.

Building on the **Memorial Garden**, the only significant green space in the whole hospital complex, and one that offers patients and hospital workers the opportunity for some tranquillity, will be a great loss involving the destruction of many trees which can never be replaced.

Traffic and Parking

Pond Street, Haverstock Hill and South End Green are already highly congested during daytime hours and often at a standstill during rush hour. The increase in A&E capacity can only add to this congestion. The proposed use of the Pond Street exit for all visitors will make matters even worse and possibly dangerous.

The reduction in **Parking** spaces for patients and visitors will aggravate an already inadequate provision that causes anxieties for many at a time when they are at their most vulnerable. Blue badge parking in surrounding streets severely limits residents' parking. The practice by those accompanying outpatients to keep their car engines running in nearby streets to avoid parking attendants will add to the pollution generated by so much extra traffic.

Overdevelopment

In recent decades the Royal Free site has grown in a piecemeal fashion and is already overdeveloped. The addition of such a large building on an already overstretched site is ill conceived, particularly in the absence of a master plan. The proposed building will be as high as St Stephens and end just short of Hampstead High School, which will be dominated by the new building.

Disruption, Damage and Noise

The construction team will be working in a very tight space with limited

access for delivery and removal. The amount of dust, pollution, noise and disturbance will be immense and will have a detrimental effect on all those who work and live nearby. I particularly worry about the very young children at Hampstead School

The Objective

Whilst I appreciate and support the proposed research undertaken by the Royal Free, unfortunately I do not think this site is suitable for the proposed building and an alternative site needs to be found.

For all these reasons I urge you to refuse this planning application.

Yours sincerely
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