

From leaseholder Natalie Whittle  
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Dear Mr Whittington

I wish to state my strong objection to the planning application 2014/7683/P.

1) The school has not supported its claim that refurbishment, let alone demolition, is necessary. In the documents provided there is nothing to suggest that an intervention on this scale is required.

I note in the school's latest Ofsted report that there is no mention of the classrooms being too small, as is suggested in the submitted planning documents. All the school has provided is a cost-benefit analysis comparing refurbishment with demolition. It has not shown why either is necessary.

2) Further to there being no compelling evidence offered of the need to carry out these works, the school has also failed to present the fullest picture of what the development would mean for the surrounding community.

I note that in its summary of community engagement in the planning documents, it has the carelessness to misspell the building adjacent to it, where I live. The people who actually live in 'Cleveland' Mansions, as they put it, deserve more careful attention.

The application also has the arrogance to include the opinion of the school's own staff in the views counted as 'positive' towards the development. And it simply has not sought properly to canvas the opinion of the local residents. A handful of tenants' association meetings don't go far enough. Not everyone can attend. The school should have sent letters to the residents explaining why this development is seen to be so desperately necessary, and at such great public expense.

3) The design of the school is flagrantly out of step with its surroundings. Why does the three-storey building need a high pitched roof? What purpose will the roof space serve, except to present an aggrandizing view of the school to those looking on? The roof will also unnecessarily block out light and heath views from Clevedon Mansions.

Moreover, with regard to the aspect from the back of Clevedon Mansions, the gym space will be heightened and close in further to the building. This is a public space that is used at night by sports clubs and at weekends by community groups. It's simply unacceptable for its presence to encroach further on a residential space. We live here. Not just Monday to Friday, but Monday to Sunday. The design simply disregards the lives of the residents around it.

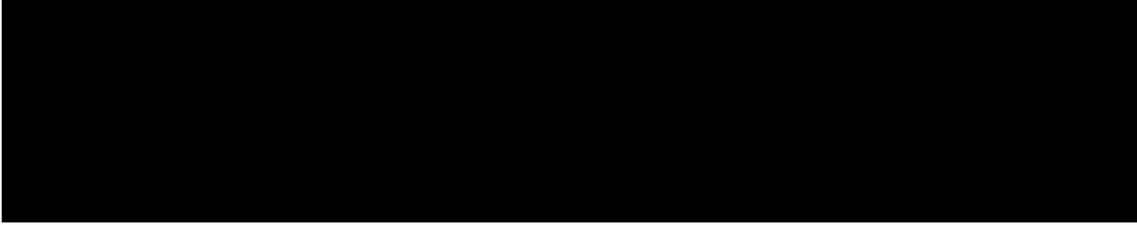
4) There is a disturbing arrogance throughout the application. One proposal will exceed the recommended distance between boundaries, of 18m, by 4m. But does that matter? Not according to these plans. According to this application, the recommended distance is just too inconvenient to comply with. It's pure arrogance.

5) The issue of parking in Lissenden Gardens is also not addressed. This resource is already overstretched. There should be an assurance that site visitors would agree not to use Lissenden Gardens as a parking space.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely

Natalie Whittle.



Dear Sir,

I write with reference to the above planning application and attach photographs for your perusal, these have been taken from my daughters bedroom window looking east towards the gym. What the proposed

building will do to the natural light, a 9 metre high facade less than 20 metres away from my facade is appalling and I believe unfair, not only to myself but also to the other residents of Cleveden mansions. As a resident of Lissenden Gardens I wish to object to the proposals contained within the above planning application as it stands. I would very much like to see revised plans moving the gym further east for instance.

With Regards

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