

Camden Planning  
London Borough of Camden  
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London  
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27 January 2014

Dear Sir or Madam:

Subject: Planning Application 2014/ 6845/P  
Extension of Royal Free Hospital

I am writing representing the Downshire Hill Residents Association (DHRA) and concerning the subject planning application.

The DHRA is comprised of residents of Downshire Hill (located near Pond Street) and is active in ensuring that the character of our street and the general area thrives and grows in a measured and responsible way.

You will recall that we were instrumental in compelling the Camden Planning organisation to enforce all of the planning, assessment and implementation requirements for the deep basement construction at 9 Downshire Hill.

As a member of the DHRA board, I have polled my fellow board members to secure a general consensus on our position regarding this planned development. We are not pleased with the scale of the development (a full five storeys above ground) due to its very strong 'presence' in the immediate area of Hampstead Green and expect that all has been done to minimise the above ground presence. That said, we do understand the key role that the Royal Free plays in development and delivery of life saving technologies and delivery for the UK and that this does require infrastructure that is proximal to an established network of medical practice.

Presuming that all options related to reducing scale while still achieving objectives have been exhausted, our primary requirement is that the Council fulfils all of ITS obligations to compel all parties involved in design and construction to abide by all laws and regulations relevant to such a development. Only through such diligence on the Council's part will this development minimise its short term impact on the area during the construction phase. We of course presume that any construction plan will take all necessary measures to protect the fabric of the neighbouring St Stephens church and the safety of the school occupants that attend there.

This will be a very 'public' undertaking and the Council, representing the taxpayers of Camden, should understand that its behaviour throughout can either enhance or severely damage its reputation.

We are sure that you have every interest in the former and look forward to your diligent execution of your duties.

Regards,



Redding Thompson, London, NW3 1NY  
Downshire Hill Residents Association Board Member

