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Dear Mr. Whittingham

Comment on Planning Application - 2014/7683/P

(Parliament Hill School, William Ellis School & La Swap Sixth Form Highgate Road NW5 1RN)

As a resident of Lissenden Gardens, I wish to object to the proposals contained within the above planning application on the following grounds:

Design and layout: I believe that the proposed new buildings, both the Sports Block and the new 'Ribbon' Teaching Wing, will be much too close to Lissenden Gardens estate, especially Clevedon Mansions. The new buildings are so close that I shall lose privacy inside my home and on our shared balconies, which are an important element in our communal life. The whole estate will be darkened by this new building, hemmed in and enclosed.

External appearance: The monolithic new buildings form a solid wall running along the length of Clevedon Mansions, entirely closing our homes off from the Heath. The entire aspect has a fortress-like appearance, and is very harsh on the eye compared to the current varied skyline. I believe that the proposed building lacks elegance of any kind, is ugly and aesthetically unpleasant. I also believe that this design will negatively impact the appearance of the Morant building.

Loss of Privacy: Currently, my home is not overlooked and I enjoy a reasonable level of privacy inside my home. Because the new buildings will be so close, the proposed work will result in a loss of this privacy, and my home will be overlooked by a number of classrooms and possibly hundred of students every day. This will substantially adversely affect the quality of my life. Camden intend to place mesh screens in front of part of the windows. I do not believe that, based on the application, this will in any way protect my privacy.

Light and noise pollution: The new buildings will be far too close to the homes in Lissenden Gardens, resulting in light and noise pollution. At one point, the ribbon building will be less than 15m from some of the Lissenden Gardens flats. Noise from busy classrooms, as well as from students outside the building, will prevent residents' quiet enjoyment of their homes. In addition, classroom windows will be open in warmer weather, which will increase the amount of noise that reaches residents. Light from the building will also affect local residents after dusk. Evening and weekend use will exacerbate this.

Signed:



Name: EVA NIELSEN