**Heritage Lottery Fund (Case Officer - Lesley McCarthy) 11.12.14**

The Royal Free Hospital development has recently been brought to the attention of the Heritage Lottery Fund due to our investment of £2,452,000 in the restoration of neighbouring St Stephen’s Church. We write to confirm that we concur with the views of English Heritage as set out in their consultation response of 1 December 2014 and share their concern that the new building may cause harm to the existing setting of the grade 1 listed church. If permission is granted for the scheme, we agree with the English Heritage recommendation to include a condition to protect the historic fabric of the church during construction including survey, monitoring and if necessary, appropriate repair.

**David Kitchen, SEGA 10.12.14**

SEGA seeks to have the Hospital's application withdrawn or rejected.

Our objections are the same as English Heritage

First, the development harms the heritage of the listed building and conservation area.

Second, the application contains no assurance that St Stephen's will not be physically harmed.

Third, that a substantial part of the proposed building comprises peripheral functions (hotel/offices) which have no reason to confront a heritage site.

Fourth, that the immunology centre itself, if it needs to be adjacent to the hospital, should be relocated elsewhere on the main site and other current functions as necessary moved out.

All of this is to protect our heritage, which is what English Heritage, and indeed Camden are pledged to do.

Camden has a watertight case to reject the application. If a development harms heritage, Camden need not weigh up public benefits- if the building doesn't need to be there in the first place.

David Kitchen, chair, South End Green Association, SEGA