



ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL

18 Kidderpore Gardens Hampstead
London NW3 7SR

11th June 2015

Re: Planning Application ref: 2015/2414/P

Dear Mr Nelson,

I am writing with regard to the attached planning application, in particular in light of the publication of the accompanying CLEUD Supporting Statement, which we have recently received.

I wanted to respond to two claims on the CLEUD document, specifically on page 1 (in the Executive Summary) and page 28 (in the Analysis and Conclusions).

I appreciate that it is in Mount Anvil's interests to play down the usage of the Lower Skeel Hall. However, the removal of this facility, which we had used for all of our assemblies, gymnastics, and drama lessons, as well as after school clubs, examinations, and some evening activities, has caused significant issues for us, hence our request that a space be found within the plans for the dwellings to incorporate a facility that could be shared as a community space for the new and local residents, and for us during the school day during term time.

Under point 7 on page 1, the suggestion is that Skeel (bound up in a sentence with two halls that probably *were* underused) was used very occasionally. The Skeel Hall was hired out and used from 8:45 to 5pm every day of term time for 3 years, for which King's College received around £40,000. This distinction between the halls is later clarified, but not until 10.9 on page 28.

Under point 10.9 on page 28 the document refers to the fact that King's College had not applied for a change of use. Whether King's College felt that hiring an educationally linked hall to an educational establishment was within their remit as an educationally linked establishment themselves, without a change of use application, is not something I can do more than speculate about. However, regardless of this argument, which seems to suggest that King's College were doing something they had no right to do in hiring to us, education rather than accommodation *is* what it was used for, and not occasionally, but for 36 weeks a year, day in day out, the withdrawal of which has had significant consequences for St Margaret's School. On a practical level, the Skeel Hall is a big hall in a University facility. It is not accommodation, and would not have been used for accommodation. Arguing that this was somehow an unauthorised usage of the space is we feel rather disingenuous.

Many thanks for your time and consideration of these points,

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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