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For Ian Gracie.

May I ask for my name to be withheld from publication?

I object to Planning Application 2015/2688P (the proposed rubbish bins and smoking area for Westminster Kingsway College). Specifically:

I object to the intent to site the rubbish bins along Westking Place as they are unsightly and create a nuisance to the residents of Burleigh and Beckett House, since the rubbish lorries which empty them arrive daily at 0700. The scattered rubbish and trash surrounding the bins that never seems to be swept up after collection are an eyesore and detract from the neighbourhood surroundings. I request that the college reconsider placement of the rubbish bins to Heathcote Street where access by rubbish collection will be as easy if not easier, and the number of residences inconvenienced greatly reduced. There is more than adequate room for the bins along the side of the college facing Heathcote Street; the college has not made sufficient effort and outreach to the community to consider their placement in this location. The current and illegal location of the rubbish bins, along Westking Place, is disruptive and a daily disturbance to the residences of Beckett House.

* I also object to the college's proposal to convert partially its bike storage space into a designated smoking area. In a world in which the risks of smoking are widely understood, I fail to understand why the college is abetting the practice of a foul and unhealthful habit. This, especially, directly across from the residences at Beckett and Burleigh Houses. Why is the college not instead discouraging smoking by making its designated area-if it must provide one-as inconvenient as possible, such as along Grays Inn Road or Sidmouth Street? The reek of cigarette smoke is most unpleasant for the residents; the attendant detritus of cigarette butts, spent matches, and wrappings inevitably accumulates and lies scattered along the street and blows into the walkways and paths of the adjacent Bloomsbury Gardens complex. In such a way is quality of life of everyone-students, faculty, and residents of Bloomsbury Gardens-negatively affected. Why can't Camden and the college take a stand against smoking and either forbid it on the grounds of its campus or locate the designated area far enough away so as to not affect innocent residents with second-hand smoke?

Kind Regards,
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