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Dear Mr Thuaire (Planning Officer)

Ref: Planning Application: 2015/3312/P

The Tybalds Close Tenants and Residents Association and I as the Chair were not formally consulted about the planning amendments prior to submission. I first became aware of the planning amendments after looking at councils planning alerts for the Holborn area, which I regularly receive in my inbox after registering my email on the main Camden Council website. I raised my concerns with the respective parties about why the resident or the TRA were not notified that planning amendments were being formally submitted, but I did not want to escalate the situation any further, as I did not wish to slow down the regeneration process and any negative impact in delay that would bring to the residents.

However, having now analysed the planning application amendment related documents <u>Supporting Statement REV A 04-06-2015</u> (please see attached) my concerns have become heighten and I am disappointed.

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"The northern entrance also provides a ramped access to the courtyard space for wheelchair access from Boswell Street".

This statement is totally untrue and misleading. There is clearly no wheel chair access from Boswell Street. There is no type of access from Boswell Street to Falcon TRA Hall. There use to be just step access a long time ago from Boswell Street to Falcon TRA Hall, but this has been closed off for long time with fencing to prevent access from ordinary public to the block and to protect the children from running on to the road whilst playing.

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"Disabled access to the hall would still be provided via the ramp at the northern residential entrance. This entrance is being remodelled as part of the washroom extensions and the ramp will be remodelled to comply with the latest standards".

The new disabled access to the new main Falcon TRA Hall appears to be through the main Falcon block entrance. Our previous main TRA Hall called Blemundsbury TRA hall had open access with open disabled access. It appears that the new main Falcon TRA hall has open access for able-bodied people but not for disabled people. This appears to be discrimination and contravenes European directives/regulations. This also defeats the purpose of accessing the Falcon TRA hall from only outside the block and eradicates the improved security element. When residents use the new main Falcon Hall they will use the fire exit at the back of the new main Falcon TRA hall to allow disabled residents to enter into the main Falcon block area to allow them to enter the the main Falcon TRA hall through the back fire exit. Therefore residents will have access to main Falcon block residential area.

Final point, the new proposed stairs will be accessed via a small lockable gate off the existing Falcon parking area on Boswell Street and only provide access to the TRA hall. It is very important that these stairs and small lockable gate should be wide enough to allow people to enter and exit at the same time to prevent any tripping when in heavy use during large social gatherings.

I hope you can consider my comments and a reasonable solution can be found.

P.S. Please can you ensure I receive regularly updates concerning this planning application and any future application concerning the regeneration of Tybalds Close Estate

Yours sincerely,

Abjal Afrus

Chair

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