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Re: Application ref: 2015/4735/P Highgate Business Centre

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Dear Mandeep

Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum is objects to the change of use and the loss of local small business space relating to this application.  We wish to point out that our NDP states that we do not want any further loss of existing employment. Our NDP has been through a consultation and therefore is classed as an Emerging Neighbourhood Plan which has legal status.  The Localism Act exists for neighbourhood forums to gather local opinion on these matters, which we have done, and the opinions of the community must be heard and considered. There will be a loss of 13 small businesses if this application were permitted.

We are especially concerned because, as this is a GPDO Prior Approval application, the developers are not obliged to provide affordable housing, even though the 30 residential units applied for are well above the limit of over 9 in a ‘normal’ application. We accept that housing is badly needed in London but what are not essential are expensive units priced well above the reach of those who need housing most of all.

As this application has been submitted so close to the date of the imposition of the Article 4 direction in Kentish Town we have been looking closely at the application. From what we understand a Certificate of Lawful Development is required for any development application, including a GPDO application. We have looked at all the papers provided with this application and a Certificate of Lawful Development has not been provided. We suggest that this application cannot go ahead without this certificate being provided.

Please inform me about the progress of this application.

Yours Sincerely

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