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Dear Sirs,

Highgate Business Centre

Application reference number: 2015/4735P – Associated reference number: EN07/0494

We are writing this letter to express our disapproval for the proposed change of use from office to residential units.

We are a small textile agency business operating an office showroom within the Highgate Business Centre since February 2002.

We employ three people, two of whom live within a mile of these offices.

We service many local business who operate in the clothing sector and it is vital for us to maintain a local presence in order to give a fast and efficient level of assistance to the industry, which has a great concentration in this local area.

There are hardly any other suitable offices in this area for us to be able to provide the service that is required.

There is a great shortage of office space available in this area, which has been exacerbated by the approved change of use to residential for Linton House, which was a big office complex, opposite to Highgate Business Centre.

It is vital to local business and to the residential community that more, not less, office space is made available.

The economy of Kentish Town will suffer if this proposed change is enacted.

Yours sincerely

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Director

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Dear Sirs

HIGHGATE BUSINESS CENTRE (REFERENCES: 2015/4735/P and EN07/0494)

We wish to register our disapproval to the proposed change of use from Offices to Residential units.


Our accountancy practice moved into the building in 1998, since which time we have established ourselves with the local community and have many clients that live within the immediate area. We have 4 staff, 2 of whom live within walking distance to the office.

Should the redevelopment take place, we foresee the following:

- 1) Local businesses will suffer as there a large number of employees within the building.
- 2) Difficulty in relocating to suitable offices in the area - office space in a neighbouring building, Linton House, has already been lost as a result of a similar redevelopment. This would have an impact on jobs for the community.
- 3) It would cause inconvenience to our clients, many of whom are elderly Camden residents who visit our premises. We would be unable to provide such a good service if we were forced to relocate, which would certainly inconvenience those with disabilities.
- 4) We would lose a number of clients who rely on Fredericks being a 'local' firm.

I hope you will consider our opposition to the proposed change of use.

Yours faithfully


John Grassan
Director