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To whom it my concern please find below Somers Town Community Associations formal response to the Central Somers Town Community Investment Programme 2015/2704/p

It is our belief that Edith Neville, Plot Ten, Coopers Lane TRA and St Alloysius are not best served by this plan and that there are better and less impactful options to be considered; options that would provide a greater wellbeing for the whole of Somers Town, whilst being able to deliver on the identified Somers Town Priorities.

We would wish noted that we are extremely concerned at:-

* the seeming lack of consideration given to the accumulative impact of the combined development works being undertaken in Somers Town, with it would seem little cohesive discussion between any of the developers of any note
* the re-designation of much needed free open play space in Somers Town to that of hard landscaping; yet it would seem that it is being sold as a maintenance of the current open space provision.
* the seeming complete lack of new infrastructure to match the massive development in Somers Town; with access to a G.P already ranking as a key issue within the ward.
* the impact of the 25 storey tower block, which could potentially impact on our Nursery outside play space (located on the upper floor of our building) in terms of light and indeed emissions
* the seeming lack of consideration given to issues of disability and equality of movement, both during and after completion of all works
* the manner in which the consultation processes undertaken do not it could be said provide the full story
* the loss of mature trees to be replaced not in their entirety it would seem and by saplings in a community already suffering with the connected medical issues of living in such close proximity to Euston Road, St Pancras and indeed Euston station
* the heights of the proposed new blocks, as this would seem to completely transform the character and beauty of the heart of Somers Town
* the issue of community safety, which if to be believed would have you believe that Somers Town is akin to the film ‘Escape from New York’ yet our most recent survey (undertaken in January) as part of the creation of an economic development plan for Somers Town states
* that people feel safe or quite safe and the area is a peaceful and quiet place to live

and that

* Somers Town is a good, friendly or improving place to live
* the divisive nature of the proposal, which is dividing the community as opposed to unifying it

We completely appreciate the financial and spatial pressures facing the Council and acknowledge that the rebuild of the School, Plot ten and the Nursery are key.

However we strongly believe that this planning application should be turned down, so that it may be reviewed and a less impactful option identified.

Yours sincerely

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