

Dear Ms Haji-Ismail,

Conditions 27 and 31

I am a resident of the Belsize Conservation Area, and I am writing to object to Essential Living's application to amend these conditions. I belong to the BRA, and in addition, for many years I have been a member of the Belsize CAAC.

No work on demolition or foundations can be sanctioned until detailed plans for the foundations have been negotiated with London Underground. The formulation, discussion, negotiation, finalisation and approval of these plans will take time. The work of demolition will affect the amenity of the popular Swiss Cottage Open Space very considerably, and if the permission to go ahead with foundation work is not actually in place, then our park will continue to be blighted unnecessarily for what could be a period of months or even years, before the actual construction work can begin.

Since permission has been given to the scheme by the Secretary of State, regardless of a refusal from Camden Council, and over the heads of very many concerned local residents and several residents' groups, the Council should ensure that the correct management of the project as detailed in the proposals and conditions is adhered to throughout.

We should not have to endure the pollution and disruption of a popular park for years on end because a developer can afford to demolish the existing building, and then walk away while waiting for important negotiations to conclude, while leaving a giant public mess behind.

The current building, though empty, is not an eyesore, and it also provides a useful screen between the park and Swiss Cottage gyratory, which would be lost if demolition occurred before building work was permitted to start.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Wober



These condition amendments have already been withdrawn as a result of objections from TfL and members of the public. I object to their being resubmitted.

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