

Dear Mr Fowler,

I own a property at 9 Oakshott Court. I do not believe that the proposed development 2015/2704/P has been advertised widely enough and believe residents have had inadequate opportunity for consultation.

I am horrified about the proposed building of a mega tower in such a historic place whose importance has been long acknowledged, reflected in the preponderance of listed buildings. I consider it inappropriate to dwarf the new Crick building which I believe will win major architectural prizes once completed and will become a distinguished world landmark in the scientific field.

It has been pointed out that the tower would provide tempting opportunities for terrorists to inflict great damage to St Pancras station and commuters. It is my view that any such attacks also have potential to release deadly bio particles and toxins from Crick, if targeted. It goes without saying that such substances will be present in this building.

I am deeply concerned at the proposed loss of open space -particularly on Chalton and Purchase Streets- and also involving the adventure playground. Since moving to Somers Town I have appreciated the feeling of openness, air and light particularly since the area is densely populated, there are large flows of people connected with transporting children to and from school and also the opening of the Crick building will bring thousands more people, visitors and traffic into the area. The park opposite Crick has always been seen as essential in the management of this

enhanced population. There is also the high pedestrian traffic caused by people walking between Euston and Kings Cross/St Pancras stations. In an area where rich and poor people rub shoulders it is important to maintain play and exercise bases for those children and young people who are already significantly disadvantaged.

As the gap between the children of richer people and poorer people inevitably widens, I am concerned about so many disadvantaged children having green areas removed. Even now, many hardly know what a tree is. With the loss of further trees in the area their chances of growing up without even basic understanding of living processes increases. Given my perception that very significant number of these children are from Black and Ethnic Minority groups, with quite a few recently arrived in this country, we risk further alienation in the future by these groups.

Recent research has shown that the area around Euston Road/ Somers Town has amongst the most polluted air in Europe. Surely it is madness to pollute it further – which new intensive housing developments will surely do. I speak as a retired polio disabled person who has recently developed asthma and now frequently struggles for breath. I now understand how awful life is for chronic asthmatics and it verges on criminal negligence to cause them to suffer more. Additionally, there is significantly greater understanding of the severe and long-term health damage caused particularly to young people of all ages by breathing in diesel exhaust. Traffic to Crick will undoubtedly increase this, surely we can do without additional pollution from increased housing? I have never lived in an area which has so many schools close together drawing in tens of thousands of children from the wider neighbourhood. Is it really a good idea to poison them?

Again, as a disabled, vulnerable elderly person, I am clearly fearful of crowded pavements, speeding bicycles and frustrated drivers trying to park. Where on earth will be increased inflow of people and vehicles into this area park and what will be the impact of the increased exhaust emissions from their vehicles? Even bicycles are not safe, over the years as have seen quite a few near misses of accidents to children being taken delivered to school by speeding cyclists who do not understand children's road skills.

The cumulative impact on the environment of this, linked to the mayhem and pollution which will be caused by HS2 and Crossrail will massively reduce air quality in Somers Town. Would you like your own elderly parents, children or loved ones to live here?

I strongly urge you to reject this ridiculous plan and examine other options.

Best wishes,

Ros Sinclair, 9 Oakshott Court.