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To [planningcommittee@camden.uk](mailto:planningcommittee@camden.uk) 8.45 am 7th September 2016

Further to my objection previously sent by email to [kate.phillips@camden.gov.uk](mailto:kate.phillips@camden.gov.uk) and to [planning@camden.gov.uk](mailto:planning@camden.gov.uk) on 20th June 2016 Please consider again my **Objection to Planning Application No 2016/1479/P 'Restoration of historic garden' in Chester Gate**

I have lived in Albany Street near to Chester Gate for many years. I am concerned about the proposed Garden in Chester Gate. I trust you will take note of my objection to this proposal.

**Camden's Development Policy is to reduce the level of Carbon Monoxide yet this proposed narrowing of Chester Gate will Increase emissions & pollution due to idling engines & increased traffic queues - totally contradicting your own declared aims.**

**Camden's stated aim together with other health initiatives in London is to reduce the levels produced by vehicles with idling engines.**

A £5 million grant from the Department of Transport. Transport for London has established the Clean Air Fund and is aimed at measures to reduce particulate matter across London.

The Clean Air Fund measures seek to reduce particulate matter concentrations across London and especially at pollution hotspots on three main priority routes including Marylebone Road and Euston Road. Chester Gate is already in an area where pollution leading to early deaths, is a problem.

Hundreds of clean air volunteers took to the streets across six London boroughs in March to encourage drivers to avoid idling their engines when parked in a bid to drive down pollution

A serious way the narrowing of Chester Gate and consequent build up of idling vehicles, will affect me and other residents will be the increase in pollution as cars try to access the Outer Circle. A restricted single lane will result in vehicles wishing to turn left into the outer circle being held up while waiting behind vehicles turning right from. This will cause vehicles to back up into and along Albany

Street. The idling engines will increase pollution with **Carbon Monoxide emissions, this being known to contribute to many deaths.**

This is totally against your stated policy. I have not noticed any effort to monitor vehicle numbers using Chester Gate currently. Or attempts to measure the pollutants already found here. If a census of traffic use has occurred I would please wish to be informed of number of motor vehicles currently using this access to the Outer Circle.

**Increase in traffic using Chester Gate caused by future changes in traffic flow due to HS2 and TFL Cycle Highway plans**

The proposal for the garden contravenes **Camden's Development Policies which emphasize a commitment "to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists"**

(<https://camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/environment/planning-and-built-environment/two/planning-policy/local-development-framework/development-policies> )

**The proposal states:**

**Development should make suitable provision for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport (Policy DP17) - In order to maintain pedestrian and cyclist safety, links should be designed to prevent conflict between motor vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians (17.4) - Safe facilities for cyclists, either fully segregated or on the road, offer the best prospect for reducing the level of cycling on pavements. (17.5)**

I hope you will listen the concerns of many residents before agreeing to Planing Application No 2016/1479/P

Your sincerely

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