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Dear Gideon Whittingham,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th September, informing me of a further planning application to the Railway Club (RIP) in College Lane.

It seems a very cynical idea to me, to imagine that Camden will listen to any views of opposition to this latest plan, since absolutely no notice has been taken of any of the residents' objections to far worse prior developments. I am alluding to the hideous buildings that have been erected between College Lane and the Ingestre Road Estate. Cheek by jowl as they are, with pretensions to grandeur, which would be laughable, if they were not so oppressive in design, scale and proximity.

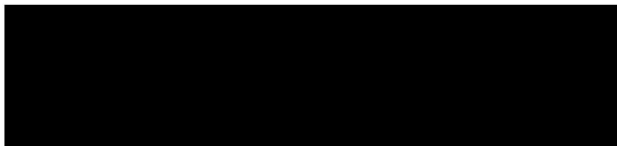
How Camden could let this scandalous sale go through is shameful. That area could have been developed into a community site of lasting value that could have provided social cohesion way into the future. It could have been a really exciting project for architects and designers to provide a number of benefits – for instance – a youth club, an allotment space, a nature area, an outdoor gym etc etc

In fact I came across a letter from my late husband, Roger Lloyd Pack, outlining his rational and deeply felt opposition to initial plans as far back as 2001 (Application no. PEX0100663).

I know that Camden is desperate for money but this is such a 'quick fix' solution, which will never restore or promote better relations between people of different incomes living close together in a city.

It goes without saying that I am opposed to any further development in a site which is already far too congested.

Yours sincerely,



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