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Hi David,

I am writing to support the above planning request to build a block of 100% affordable housing, affordable work space and a refurbished office building.

I grew up on Regent's Park estate, my Nan raised me and she sadly passed away when I was 20 years old. I approached the council asking for support with housing, went down to the townhall in tears and was told there was nothing they could do. I was a student- half way through an English degree with plans to do a PGCE in Secondary English thereafter. I told the council I did not know my dad, had absolutely no relationship with my mum who was an alcoholic and was going to lose my house. I was directed to a computer in the library and told to register online with absolutely no support. I built my points up over 5 years and got to about 480, then last year everyone on the list had to register again and I went from 480 to 110 points.

I have worked hard my whole life, academically and professionally and feel that I have been fundamentally let down by the council. I have been priced out of my area. I can't afford private rent in the borough, I have no access to social housing so I will be the first person from generations of my family forced to leave the borough, the community and everyone I love simply because I worked hard. I have attended countless help to buy and shared ownership home shows and for the majority of them you need to be earning around £60,000 to have access to "affordable housing" in Camden- because as the developers tell me, the land is too expensive.

To me any application to build more affordable housing on the estate and in the borough should be welcomed or we are going to lose the sense of community that the estate has always had.

I now work on the CSR team at Santander in Triton Square and also think it would be great to have affordable office speaks to encourage start-ups to move into the area to create a more dynamic an inclusive work complex.

Please do let me know if you have any further questions or need any further info from me.

All the best,  
Nicola Roberts

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