

## Dempsey, Matthew

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Hello Matthew,

I write in respect of the application on Lamble Street to convert the existing business premise into a residential use. I appreciate that this is essentially a permitted development that requires prior approval, and as a result we are limited in the extent to which we can apply policy constraints on the proposal.

As you may know, I am leading on a strategic framework for Gospel Oak, which is looking at the potential of the area between Mansfield Road and Queen's Crescent and proposing a regeneration strategy. One aspect of this is looking at the potential for encouraging enterprise and entrepreneurship in this area, and the loss of a creative business from the area is a disappointment. The local plan cites Gospel Oak as part of a creative cluster (submission draft, para 5.21).

The business represents one of a number of similar businesses locally that benefits from a creative hub centred around Camden Town, Kentish Town, Highgate and Hampstead, and we have been looking to ensure workspaces in Gospel Oak can be nurtured to ensure that this neighbourhood is not simply a place of housing, but one where a variety of uses can co-exist to offer a quality of life and offer opportunities locally. I would simply like to raise the issue that it would be beneficial for the area if the property in question could continue to provide workspace for a small business that would complement its location, rather than it being lost to housing.

Many thanks,

Richard.

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