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I am writing to object to the application to alter the legal agreement which contains the definition for the limits on lettings for the student accommodation at the address in Holmes Road. The legal agreement is very clear, and shows that the issue of vacation lets, and to non-students, was carefully considered at the time the planning permission was granted, and was rejected.

The only thing that has changed is that the owners see the chance of making more money. All the arguments in their supporting letter about boosting tourism and the local economy come down to profit, and not to any altruistic motive of supporting the economy.

However, that profit will be paid for by the residents of this area, who already suffer from undue noise and disturbance from student activity, which we have put up with, though in some anxiety about a large new student accommodation block being built in Holmes Road. The prospect of having year-round occupation is intolerable.

A side issue is that operating essentially a backpackers hostel business in vacation slots means supplying services such as sheets, towels and cleaning which will generate noise and disturbance in streets which are already narrow and crowded.

Term time students are at least focussed mostly on their studies, in a rhythm of studying and exams. Vacation occupation would be purely by young people here to 'have a good time' which means a bad time for neighbours. It is for this reason that I strongly oppose this application.

I hope we have not reached the point that 'market forces' decide issues of localness and democracy. Camden deserves to remain focussed on the well being of its residents.

The original restriction made by Camden Council was deliberately made, and I see no reason to change it.

I ask that this application be rejected.

Yours sincerely,
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