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Dear planners

We wish to object to some aspects of the above plan for the Zayed Centre for Research into Rare Diseases of Children:

No details are given of the gate to the access path to the cycle store at the rear of the building. It is essential that this gate should have a closing mechanism that prevents it clanging every time it is used. This is because the gate is in close proximity to homes in Millman Court, Rokeby House, and Guilford Place. There are 52 cycle bays and unless some effective silencing mechanism is installed, noise from the gate will be a serious persistent nuisance to people living in these blocks

1. No details are given of the closure mechanisms to the gate to the secondary staff entrance from Guilford Place nor of the door to the patients' terrace adjacent to the cycle storage area. These also need to work silently for the reasons in (1) above.
2. We have been unable to see whether the cycle store itself has a door or a shutter. If it has either, they would need to operate silently for the reasons in (1) above.
3. No information is given about the double height cycle racks. If using the upper racks causes mechanical noise, this needs to be minimised for the reasons in (1) above
4. It is unclear whether the gravel on the path from the Millman Mews gate to the cycle store is fixed or loose. For the reasons in (1) above it should all be tar-bound.
5. The locations of the Sheffield Cycle Stands are not defined, except by street. Millman St is one of the listed streets. If cycle stands were to be located adjacent to the eastern extremity of the building, it would mean the loss of residents' parking bays there. In an area with a documented serious shortfall in parking bays in relation to permits issued, this should not be permitted.
6. Signage is needed to warn cyclists and vehicles exiting from Millman Mews and turning left that they will be exposed immediately to vehicles exiting the new building's service entry.
7. The weedkiller chosen for the planted areas in the application is glyphosate. The most recent study – 2014 – of this formulation found 'a correlation between occupational exposure to glyphosate formulations and increased risk of B cell lymphoma, the most common kind of non-Hodgkin lymphoma'. For everyone's safety, a different, non-toxic, method of dealing with weeds should be required.

We ask that this application should not be granted until all the above concerns are satisfactorily dealt with.

Yours

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