From: Henry, Kate

Sent: 15 February 2017 13:18

To: Planning

Subject: FW: Strand Union Workhouse/Middlesex Hospital Annexe in London's Cleveland

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Hi - please log as objection 2017/0414/P

Thanks

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From: Lynda Nead

Sent: 15 February 2017 12:59

To: Henry, Kate

Subject: Strand Union Workhouse/Middlesex Hospital Annexe in London's Cleveland Street

Dear Kate Henry,

It has come to my attention that there are currently two new planning applications to gut the original Strand Union Workhouse and to demolish the Nightingale Wards at the rear of the Middlesex Hospital.

I am writing to you as an academic and researcher who has published widely on Victorian London and on the representation of women and the poor in Victorian art to remind you of the unique importance of both of these buildings to the social and cultural history of London and the nation. Both buildings are associated with the finest literary production of the nineteenth century and also have outstanding importance in relation to London's health care history and its treatment of the poor. I suggest you consult Roy Porter's classic history of London to gain an immediate sense of the significance of these buildings and this area.

It would be absolutely scandalous and barbaric to gut and destroy these unique buildings and I urge Camden to consider these applications very carefully indeed. There should certainly also be an opportunity for a full archaeological and forensic investigation of the site, which I am certain will reveal amazing evidence of lives lived and lost on these sites.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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