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**From:** Henry, Kate  
**Sent:** 15 February 2017 13:41  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** FW: Plans to demolish workhouse and environs

Hi – please log as an objection to 2017/0414/P

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**From:** Sutton-Ramspeck, Beth [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 15 February 2017 13:39  
**To:** Henry, Kate  
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Dear Ms. Henry,

I have read with deep concern of plans to demolish the Strand Union Workhouse/Middlesex Hospital Annexe in London's Cleveland Street in order to build luxury apartments and other commercial properties. This seems to me a terrible idea. This site is important not only as the workhouse made (in)famous by Charles Dickens in *Oliver Twist* but as a site of great significance in the history of social systems and health care in the UK. I understand it is the last remaining such site, so it is both unique in history and literary history but also important as the last remaining example of important historical phenomena. From another perspective, it is also important because of its consecrated burial ground--also important historically.

As you can see, I am not from the UK, but I am a teacher of Victorian literature and culture. For me, London is a wonderful place to visit because of its rich history. Like millions of Americans, I visit there in order to study and experience this history; surely it would make more sense to develop the site for historians and tourists.

Please reconsider the current development plans for the site.

Sincerely,

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