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From: David Salvi [REDACTED]
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Dear Mr Tulloch,

Your Ref - Planning and Listed Building Applications 2016/7061/P and 2017/0044/L and 2016/7062/P and 2017/0045L

I write to SUPPORT the above planning applications that I understand has been submitted by The Bedford Estates, to convert the former low grade hotel at 23-24 Montague Street and the former hostel at 27 Montague Street into desirable high quality residential accommodation in this location.

The proposals would bring about much needed new housing to the area, where opportunities to provide new housing are severely limited due to the overwhelming dominance of major landowners including, The University of London, The British Museum, hotels and student accommodation providers. The lack of new homes in this part of Camden restricts choice and in turn adds upward pressure on private housing costs for renters and purchasers looking to live in the local community. The proposals would bring back these terraced houses to their original residential use and secure a suitable and architecturally sympathetic future for both buildings.

In total across the two properties the area would gain nine new flats and the buildings would be upgraded to provide modern, secure, sustainable and energy efficient homes, that will attract young professionals and families into the area. The Bedford Estates are long standing key stakeholders in the area and make a considerable contribution to the public realm and the community, offering a friendly and professional

property management service, that includes valuable amenities for their tenants including access to the recently upgraded Bedford Square Gardens.

The applications represent a significant investment to upgrade the current buildings, retaining the rich Georgian architecture and would enable the owners to improve this 19th Century Bloomsbury terrace for all those who live, work and learn in the area including the 6 million visitors that The British Museum attracts each year.

As a local business owner who has been associated with the area for over 35 years I would ask you to approve these applications in order that the buildings can be brought back to their original use and provide much needed housing in the community.

regards

David Salvi

Director

