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2017/0415/L	Armando Luisi	54 Banner Street London EC1Y 8QB	23/02/2017 22:07:05	OBJLETTE R	<p>I OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>I am writing to oppose planning applications numbers 2017/0414/P and 2017/0415/L. Neither of these developments should be allowed to go ahead for these reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the proposed 8 floor development behind the Workhouse is totally disproportionate to the size of the listed building. Such a jarring contrast should not be allowed as, by law, a listed building should be preserved in its environment.</li> <li>- The proposed development deletes the fact that the workhouse building has always had two wings attached at the rear, even in the 18th century. To flatten it at the rear as the proposal suggests is effectively a historical falsehood which should not be allowed. We have lost enough heritage in this country! It's time for it to stop!</li> <li>- There is a deep graveyard in the back of the building, yet the planning application glosses over it entirely. The proposed development will obliterate the resting place of thousands of poor souls who have had their permanent resting place for centuries in the Workhouse ground! It would be another profoundly disrespectful act towards paupers, already so maltreated.</li> <li>- The proposed development seems to put cars above the importance of the graveyard: its deep basement and car park will effectively displace the dead. Camden does not need more private parking, and this area of Fitzrovia is already horribly congested as it is. No car park should be provided on the premises. This parking will dislodge thousands of burials: this is disrespectful, uncivil and should not be allowed; it does not represent the sensibility of our citizens or of our times.</li> </ul> <p>Finally, it is disgraceful that the listed Workhouse could be transformed into luxury flats: it is a true abomination that what was once the only home for the poorest of the poor, will become more empty homes for the super rich. Camden should protect this building, especially in light of what it means for the history of the poor, for whom Camden Council is famous for proving help and support. Allowing the proposed development would mean a negation of values for which Camden has always stood.</p>
2017/0415/L	Eleanor Hilton	72 Merritt Road Brockley SE4 1DX SE4 1DX	23/02/2017 15:32:07	COMMNT	<p>Gutting a Grade II listed building with such historic significance as this should not even be conceived. Surely a more sensitive plan can be brought about, bringing the building back into life and use, whilst maintaining the history of the building. This will cost more money, so developers must be forced to do such things. This is what the planning permission system exists for - to force developers to adhere to factors other than simply profit!</p>

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2017/0415/L	Judith Carney	4th Floor 23 Golden Square London W1F 9JP	24/02/2017 00:01:12	OBJ	<p>I am this is part of planning application 0414P, dealing with the specifics of the listed building part of the proposal. If this is so then I object strongly to the plans. This building is of huge historical significance and should be valued as a historical record of the treatment of the poor and then the subsequent transformation into a medical institution. The integrity of the site will be diminished if the wings are demolished. The fact that there are plans for a car park when there is a graveyard on the site shows absolutely no respect for the dead or their decedents.</p> <p>There should be a full archeological investigation of the site. The connection to England's perhaps greatest novelist should be valued - since he lived so close to the site it is ridiculous not to suppose that it was the inspiration for his writing. The value of the site to the history of London and to the tourism industry does not seem to have been considered.</p> <p>A huge redevelopment of the type suggested in the 0414P application is out of keeping with the surrounding area and the historical buildings are already in danger of being swamped by huge modern buildings, The houses opposite will be deprived of their views and of light if 8 stories are allowed to be built on the site.</p> <p>Any windows replaced should be replaced with similar sash windows because that is the whole charm of Georgian London - and what little of Georgian London that is left is one of the reasons so many tourists come to London .</p> <p>While acknowledging that the interior of the building has already been changed irreplaceably from the original workhouse, a sensitive development of the site is required with archeological investigation.</p>

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2017/0415/L	Edward Merwood	20a Conway Street London W1T 6BE	23/02/2017 11:53:30	APP	The proposed changes for 'The Strand Union Workhouse' has only just come to my attention, and as a Fitzrovia tenant of over 50 years I feel I must write to voice my dismay to learn of yet another plan for a building which is quite out of character with its surroundings. OK - so much of the surroundings are acres of faceless glass boxes, but how refreshing it is to come across a little warmth and charm, and to glimpse a bit of Olde London amongst all the towers promoting financial gain. At eight stories, the height of the proposed plan is completely out of scale with the charming Victorian (listed and historical) Workhouse, and even the 20th Century retaining wall was publicly funded, making it uniquely 'local'. Since I came to live in this most special and diverse area I have been saddened to watch the relentless erosion of all its grubbily unique character. I do hope you will reconsider as you remember the Cleveland Street residing Charles Dickens who still brings many thousands of tourists - and pounds - into London, to say nothing of the sanctity of the paupers graves on the site, the knowledge of which I find heartbreakingly moving. I know 'money speaks', but just for once can you not let the charm of a unique part of our history stay in place, and not reduce it to another unfriendly, 'sophisticated', and sterile site like the late Middlesex Hospital.
2017/0415/L	Sue McCarthy	45 Sandringham Road London E10 6HJ	23/02/2017 12:38:19	OBJ	I oppose this on the grounds that the proposals will effectively destroy a listed building on a site of considerable historic interest and importance. This site has been a place of care for the poor of London since the 1770s. The proposed plans appear to allow for no proper archaeological or other assessment of this historic site - inspiration for Dickens Oliver Twist nor for treating with respect or dignity the remains of the many should interred in the consecrated ground of the former pauper graveyard. Further the creation of high end flats that will not meet the needs of those in most housing need does not justify this destruction.
2017/0415/L	Howard Wingfield	49 Vine Road Stoke Poges Bucks. SL2 4DW	23/02/2017 13:56:09	OBJ	My comments relate to this application and the associated application 2017/0414/P.  I wish to object to these applications on the grounds that they fail to take proper recognition of the unique qualities of this historic site. I will not reiterate these in detail for many others have already done so and I am in agreement with them. I regard these proposals as an act of vandalism - that is, an act of deliberate destruction or damage to public or private property. It completely fails to meet the standards set out in the document Site Analysis para 9. I i.e "Balancing the heritage of the site with the contemporary nature of the new build part of the development means the landscape must respond to the history of the site whilst acknowledging its future uses." In particular, the violation of the consecrated ground and the destruction of the significant wings of the building are completely unacceptable. I urge you to reject these applications.

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