



Dear Ms Henry

I was very concerned to learn recently that the old Workhouse building on Cleveland Street is again under threat of the developers. The 18th century burial ground that once covered the area adjacent to the Strand Union Workhouse, previously the St Paul's Covent Garden Workhouse, should not be built over without a thorough survey of the area. I also can not understand why this historically unique area of central London should be overly developed by those seeking to provide luxury apartments, when a site such as this could be used as a central London Victorian Workhouse/Fitzrovia Museum. There is so much scope for someone with imagination to make use of this building as a Museum providing workshop space, to inform people of the rich history of the Cleveland Street area at the time of Dickens and before.

I request that both the applications [2017/0415/L](#) and [2017/0414/P](#) should be refused. Building on consecrated ground without further investigation would be wrong.

Regards

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