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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 April 2017 21:38
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to 2016 / 6356 / P - Derby Lodge Courtyard Office Block

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this as an objection to the REVISED above named proposal.

My primary concern is related to the noise that will be unavoidably caused due to the extensive construction works and, once constructed, the daily noise generated by the office block itself. I have a medical condition which is severely exacerbated by sleep disruption and emotional distress. I can honestly say, given the experience with the construction which has been taking place opposite the flat block, that works directly outside my bedroom will have a severe and negative impact to my health, wellbeing and quality of life.

The flat has single glazed windows, which alongside the circular nature of the Derby Lodge building, results in very small noises (such as voices near open windows on the opposite side of the courtyard) becoming significantly exacerbated. This will mean that all noise generated by the office building will be heard by ALL residents in their bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens. This includes office workers outside on the proposed terrace and building street entrance, air conditioning units, and the general noise which can be expected as part of building maintenance.

Britannia Street is a very quiet road, which means that ALL conversations taking place on the street outside can be heard at a very loud volume - Even on the 3rd floor! The inevitable increase in people traffic will mean that noise will now increase both in front of and behind the flat block. Therefore, there will be no room within my flat that I will be able to use to rest and recuperate during days of intense pain related to my health condition.

This entire proposal is quite frankly ridiculous and completely inappropriate for the surrounding architecture and the vulnerable residents which occupy many of the flats. Approval of this proposal would indicate that the Council are very much "out of touch" with the community and the needs of its vulnerable members.

Many of the residents are supportive of the disused buildings transformation into a valuable space for business and prosperity to the King's Cross area. However, the construction of such high and modern looking building, in the centre of a flat block, which will cause so much disruption, is absurd. Many friends and family, who have visited my flat and seen the location of the proposed building, have expressed their disbelief that such a building is proposed for the courtyard space. I take pride in the historic appearance of my home and feel that this office block will strip away this fantastic area of London heritage, which should be preserved and protected for generations more to enjoy.

Since this initial application was registered last year, an office block has been completed at the top of Kings Cross road, which is a matter of meters away from this proposed site. These new offices are STILL vacant, many months after their completion, so additional offices in this area are very clearly not required or in high demand. Therefore, this proposal does nothing to contribute towards the economy of the local area.

Derby Lodge has a fantastic sense of community, which I believe is supported by the circular nature of the Derby Lodge building. The construction of a four floor office block IN THE CENTRE of this circle will not only restrict the view of our neighbours, but will also severely impact upon the community spirit amongst the residents. Many residents will have an office wall less than 3 metres away from all but one window in their property. I cannot help but feel very distressed thinking about the incredibly vulnerable residents and

those on the ground floor, who will have a significant proportion of their nature light stolen by this ridiculous building. We are on the third floor and are deeply distressed about the natural light that will be taken by the strange (and honestly ugly) structures the architects are proposing in this current plan.

It is my understanding that you have received many objections to this proposal. I cannot understand how this absurd, insensitive and "out of touch" plan has reached this stage, but I do advise that you listen to all concerned and DO NOT approve this application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything further.

Best wishes,
Jenny Lee
Flat 10, Derby Lodge