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2017/0414/P	Debbie Radcliffe for BCAAC	c/o Hugh Cullum Architects 61B Judd Street London WC1H 9QT	05/05/2017 13:16:00	COMMNT	<p>The Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee objects to the redevelopment proposals as presented in the application 2017/0414/P and 2017/0415/L. It seems the intention is to destroy everything on site, behind the Workhouse listed building, despite the fact that the rest of the site it is of equally significant historic interest, especially the Nightingale wards, which we understand are the only pavilion wards attached to an Old Poor Law workhouse in London, and perhaps in the country. These new wards were hugely significant at the time of their construction as they symbolised the end of punishment for sick people, who happened to be poor, ie the civil impact of Miss Nightingale's work in the Crimea.</p> <p>We also understand that the field beneath the buildings was consecrated in 1790 and well over a thousand bodies (Covent Garden parishioners) are documented as having been buried there, and that is only from partial records.</p> <p>BCAAC therefore objects to any demolition before a proper archaeological investigation has been carried out, particularly as the site has such long and important history, having been in use as a health & social care building since the mid-1770s.</p> <p>We welcome the retention of the listed workhouse building but the proposal to obliterate so much social history without proper investigation or imaginative re-use seems unwise.</p>
