

## **Dawson (development), Barry**

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**From:** Russell, Lorna (Councillor)  
**Sent:** 21 June 2017 09:39  
**To:** Olszewski, Richard (Councillor); Craig, Tessa; Thuaire, Charles  
**Cc:** Planning; Rosenberg, Phil (Councillor); Yarde, James (Councillor)  
**Subject:** RE: Planning Application 2017/2608/P; Sumatra Road Open Space - Objection

Dear all,

Could I please add my support to Cllr Olszewski's comments in objection to this planning application?

Kind regards,

Lorna

### **Cllr. Lorna Russell**

Fortune Green Ward (Labour / Co-op)  
London Borough of Camden

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**From:** Olszewski, Richard (Councillor)  
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Dear Ms Craig,

Last Friday, I covered Councillor Phil Rosenberg's surgery as his neighbouring councillor. I met a group of his constituents who wish to object to the above planning application. After listening to what they had to say, I also wish to object to this application, particularly as there will be residents of Fortune Green ward who will be affected by the changes, e.g. Sington Nursery, based on Broomsleigh Street.

The council is proposing to move forward the boundary of this play area to take right up to the pavement by number 74 Sumatra Road, install a new self-closing gate at that point, run a new boundary fence across to the existing gate, which will be replaced with a self-closing gate.

I object on the grounds that:

- installing a second gate, will be unsafe as it creates another point of exit for young children using the play area. This will make it more difficult for their parents or supervising adults to monitor that they are within the play area boundaries;
- there does not appear to be a publicly available risk assessment of the proposed changes. Has this been done and can it be made public?;
- the loss of freely accessible space adjoining the pavement, including reducing the number of public benches from three to two. Many older people use these benches, and this is clearly a loss of them, although moving

the fence increases the area of the play space, this is not something that will benefit the adults without children who currently use the benches facing the pavement, they will open out;

- the new gate will open directly by the pavement, leaving little room from the road for young children who might run out of play area.
- by placing the table tennis table by the proposed new age, there will inevitably be many balls hit onto the road, and young children will run out to retrieve them, thus increasing the risk of accidents with road traffic
- the location for the table tennis table will negatively impact the amenity of residents living at number 74 Sumatra Road as it will abut their property resulting in unacceptable noise levels and, again, more balls from the play area being hit into their property
- the existing fence follows the old line of the front of the building that used to be on that ground but were, I understand, destroyed in the second world war;
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Overall, it is clearly welcome to have some investment in what is a very successful play area, but given these objections, it would be best of the Council were to go back a few steps and revisit its plans. If it is not willing to do so, then the planning department should recommend their rejection. I also request that this matter be considered by the full Planning Committee.

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