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**From:** Miriam Margolyes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 June 2017 13:09  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** re: 2017/0414/P

Dear Ms Henry,

I understand you are considering the demolition of the Nightingale Pavilion on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I am working in America & cannot attend the Public Meeting, and I have the uneasy feeling you've already decided to permit the destruction of these important pieces of London architecture.

But I write anyway, because so much of our London history is being taken away, often needlessly, in the ceaseless growth of the city & those responsible must be aware that their actions are noticed & deplored. I get angry, because it is possible to conserve these buildings if enough attention is made to modification & adaptation of the current plans, if the will is there. It may or may not cost more money, but the benefit is huge. Our history, our old buildings are what bring tourists to London. The maintenance of our traditions should be of equal importance to your office. Planning IS always compromise, as you know-and I can only beg you to be aware of what the destruction of these Pavilions will mean.

There is, I understand, a likelihood of human remains being found; that alone should make you pause.

And the history of the site is almost a commentary on the way the Poor Laws & treatment of the sick was conducted in the 1800s & 1900s. You do have a responsibility to History as well as to the needs of the Middlesex Hospital. Yes, it's a minefield, but once destroyed – it's gone for ever. Please rule to keep the Pavilions-and earn the gratitude of those in the future – as well as those in the past, who lived and died within those bricks. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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