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From: Henry, Kate
Sent: 05 July 2017 09:51
To: Planning
Subject: Urgent - comment on app going to committee tomorrow

Importance: High

Morning,

Can this be logged to 2017/0414/P and 2017/0415/L please? The app is going to committee tomorrow night.

Thank,

Kate

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From: John Hainsworth [mailto: [REDACTED]]
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To: Henry, Kate <Kate.Henry@camden.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Applications 2017/0415/L and 2017/0414/P

Dear Ms Henry

I'm very concerned to learn of the threat posed to the Cleveland Street Workhouse and the adjoining Nightingale Wards.

As a Trustee of the Llanfyllin Dolydd Building Preservation Trust, which owns the only preserved Workhouse in Wales, and Chair of its History Group I'm very aware of the significance of these buildings for the hidden histories of the poor and disadvantaged in our society. The Cleveland Street Workhouse was the scene of some very important developments, especially in the medical care of the poor, from major scandals to great improvements. It merits not only preservation but proper interpretation.

Our own Trust believes strongly in the regeneration and re-use of existing buildings. The Cleveland Street complex seems a classic example of structures which have the potential for this kind of development.

Spitalfields is one area of London that has happily preserved its distinctive character. The 8-storey blocks that are proposed would contribute nothing to the rich fabric of their environment and represent a retrograde step in the context of currently accepted standards of urban renewal. If the scheme were to go ahead as proposed London would be damaged and an important opportunity would be lost.

Yours sincerely,

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