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Gideon, I understand that you are Case Officer on the above.

As Co-Chair of the Grove Terrace Association I wanted to comment on the above application. I have been involved in meeting with Camden and your contractors/architects at various recent stages of the project. I realise my comments are a few days late as I have been travelling but I hope and assume that they can still be taken into account especially given the implications of Camden being 'judge and jury' on this application. I would be happy to submit them online if this facility is still available.

It appears that there will be more demolition than under the original plan. There are at least two buildings to be demolished that were retained in the original plan. Depending on how they deal with the demolition and removal of materials, this might increase the number of HGV movements, as well as dust and noise. We were assured in public meetings that HGV movements would be minimised (estimates of trips were provided), we are concerned that this information may have been inaccurate or misleading.

Some of the demolition is stated to take place this summer (the Courtyard Building, Drama Building and Gym). This is earlier in the programme than we had understood to be the case, maybe the result of demolishing the Courtyard building, which will have to take place before the new teaching block can be built. Previously, it was incorporated into the new building. This timetable also seems to assume either

that planning consent will be issued very soon (which seems unlikely as the planning application has not even been filed yet) or that they will do the demolition under the earlier consent. The latter would create a risk that there is a hold up with the new consent, after demolition has started.

They say the landscaping has been 'rationalised and reduced in scale', although it is hard to tell the extent of this as only a tiny drawing is provided. However, it looks like the amount of 'habitat' landscaping around the LaSwap building has been reduced. This might make the building more visible. In addition, several trees (including one large horse chestnut) between the new LaSwap building and the main building are to be felled; I don't know if this was in the original proposal.

Although the size of the sports hall (which faces onto Highgate Road) has been reduced, it looks like the extra space has been added to the car park. It would be more appropriate to give it over to landscaping. We always objected about the amount of car parking and were told it would not be more than is there now, but I don't see how that can be the case under this proposal.

There is now a glazed 'link' building between the Morant Building and the new teaching block. This is nearly as tall as the Morant Building, and could create issues with light reflection or light spill after dark. Something with a solid façade would be preferable.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further. My mobile is [REDACTED]

Regards,

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