

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the planning application 2017/3907/P – Basement, Suffolk House, 1-8 Whitfield Place, London, W1T 5JU.

As a resident of Suffolk House, I feel that this will have a negative impact on our daily lives for a number of reasons:

- The **noise levels** will increase significantly. The residents are already experiencing significant noise from the games pitch which is open until 9pm. We can hear every ball kicked very loudly against the fence. We can hear the groups cheering, talking, swearing which is not suitable for young children to be listening to. The noise from the pitch already disturbs sleep (as past children's bedtime). The proposed centre will add significantly to the noise particularly if open until 9pm.
- **Antisocial behaviour** is already a problem in the area. This will increase with more youth around the area – we already have loitering, antisocial behaviour right outside our front doors.
- **Constant disruption** – the opening hours of the games pitch, the proposed centre and then coupled with the number of groups who gather drinking, talking loudly, throwing rubbish, urinating, sleeping outside by the benches - the disruption will be constant. The ambience and safety of the street is already deteriorated – it is already overloaded – for what is essentially a cul de sac, we have a games pitch, a playground and a hotel to which the youth centre will be overwhelming. The entrance with the canopy will only encourage more people to 'hang around'.
- **Loss of residential community** – children (and adults) feel quite intimidated and anxious with the large groups of people constantly in the street.

There are existing facilities in the area for young people and I hope the concerns of the residents of Suffolk House will be considered and the application rejected.