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Development Management
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Attention: Mr C. Thauri

Dear Mr Thauri

Royal Free Hospital / Ras Building / Planning Ref: 2014/1851/P

I am writing to express my concern regarding the further development of the Royal Free Hospital with the proposed new Ras Building and the failure of the developer to act on the advice of structural engineers in relation to the monitoring of properties on Bond Street for structural damage that may arise as a result of the development.

As you are no doubt aware, there have been historic issues with subsidence along the length of Bond Street, and it seems entirely right to me that appropriate safeguards, by way of monitoring for structural damage, should be put in place for the entire street, as recommended by structural engineers, giving the historic subsidence problems and the size of the proposed new development.

Whilst I can appreciate the desire of the hospital to complete this development as cheaply as possible, this should not be at the expense of local residents in terms of them having to bear the cost of structural damage to their property as a result of the development works.

The levels of secrecy around release of the results of monitoring to date are not comforting and somewhat inappropriate, if one takes the view, as many do, that often bad things are shrouded in secrecy. Full disclosure, whatever the cost, is the right way to ensure that local residents and the hospital can co-exist in a spirit of mutual co-operation, recognising the importance of the hospital to the wider community.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that no further works are carried out on this development until appropriate measures have been taken to monitor the impact of the development on the entire footprint of my building (a listed building, I should point out, and possibly therefore meriting even greater attention).

Thank you for consideration
Yours faithfully

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