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Hi Laura,

Thank you for getting back to me on this subject.

Our members felt quite strongly about the need for this application to comprise a town centre use on the ground floor, due to the row of shops that extend from the junction with Camden Road south along Royal College Street and past the site. It's a really important corner in streetscape and urban design terms, and the current design of a generous glazed fassade would be very bleak and unwelcoming if used for a residential home (as ultimately it would either need to be frosted glass or incorporate a curtain behind it to ensure privacy).

It's also a secure by design issue, due to the anti-social behaviour in Baynes Street and the canal a town centre use would provide much-needed overlooking whilst the bleak fassade of a residential ground floor would not contribute to solve this issue.

Best regards, Antje