Hazelton, Laura

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To: Hazelton, Laura; Planning

Cc: Sam Moffat

Subject: Future Dreams House / Haven Kings Cross Ref: 2018/3956/P

Dear Ms Hazelton

I write to you regarding the above reference and the proposed site at Kings Cross for the Future Dreams House which will be the new home of the London Haven centre for ladies whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

As I understand there are some planning issues which may not make the relocation of the Haven to Kings Cross a much needed reality.

I would like to express to you how much the centre is needed more than ever now that current Haven in Fulham is closing.

My name is Andrea Pellegrini and in July 2014 at the age of 39 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Unfortunately for me living in Harrow, North West London being able to visit the Haven and experience the amazing facilities and having the chance to meet other ladies like myself wasn't a possible. For me Fulham was just too far to travel to, as you can imagine having to have chemo every three weeks and being very poorly having to travel across London to an area not so easily accessible from all areas of London was just too difficult. Had the Haven been in a more central location I know that I would have been able to enjoy and benefit from having such a wonderful place at such a convenient location. Kings Cross is such an easily accessible place, not just from anywhere within London but for also anywhere in the Country. There are many parts of the UK that don't have a Haven centre and by having one in Kings Cross ladies living anywhere can practically get on one train on an uninterrupted journey and be able to use these facilities.

The services that this Haven will be able to provide will be so important to ladies going through such an ordeal, a place where they can get the support they need, councelling, therapies, treatments, a restaurant where they can eat and socialize with friends and family, a gym catering for mixed abilities, a makeup studio where they can feel themselves again, financial advisors to help with all the money worries that cancer brings and just somewhere to have a coffee and a chat anytime they need to. Places like these are vital to the well being, rehabilitation and road to recovery after having cancer.

The plans for this new Haven are just phenomenal and would help so many women not only in London but up and down the country. With the Fulham Haven going this leaves London, the capital, the heart of this country with nowhere for the thousands of breast cancer patients to go. Some of these women may not have close family or friends and places like this are absolutely vital.

I would implore you to find a way to resolve the current issues so that the women of London and the UK who have had the misfortune to be diagnosed with breast cancer dont lose out on having that one special place they so vitally need.

Best wishes

Andrea Pellegrini