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Dear Mr Fowler

Planning Application 2018/5774/P Highgate Newtown Community Centre

I am writing to object to the above planning application for Highgate Newtown Community Centre. The local community objected strongly to the previous scheme and these changes do not address the concerns of local residents. They actually make the situation worse.

The council is now proposing to have 30% more flats - 41 rather than 31 and the number of people crammed into such a small space is not acceptable. The density of population is way above that recommended and the Council should refuse this increase.

The revised plans will have a negative effect on neighbouring properties. The scale and mass of the buildings are far too big for such a small, enclosed site. Many of our neighbours will be overlooked, losing privacy and they will also lose light and sun into their homes and gardens.

There is no car park although lots of visitors come to the centre by car. With even more flats, there will be an increase in deliveries and the problems with traffic and parking will get worse in what is already a busy street when activities are on. There is also nowhere for vehicles to turn so vehicles will have to reverse out onto the bus route. This increase is on top of the recently planned reductions in the C11 bus service and withdrawal of the C2 bus adding pressure to transport needs.

We will be losing more public play and open space and gardens for the community to use. We'll be left with just a small busy courtyard with cyclists and pedestrians all overshadowed by bulky five storey flats.

We are in a Conservation Area and I object to the inclusion of the People's Gospel Mission Hall in the plans. This hall is unique and its facilities are not being re-provided. It has provided services to the community for over a hundred years and must be preserved.

I hope the Council turns this application down.

Yours sincerely


P. S. Salazar