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2019/0910/P	Belinda Wakefield	12/03/2019 15:23:32	OBJEMPER	The proposed development amounts to overdevelopment of a key site in Kentish Town. The site is viewed from many directions and from all aspects it is out of scale as well as being of insensitive design, unattractive and block like. Seven storeys is not in keeping with the area and will dominate the surrounding area.
				The proposed design will add nothing of architectural value to the area. The development of such a site provides an opportunity for an interesting, high quality, modern building that sits well in the surrounding context. This does not.
				According to Camden's Design Review Panel, this development is an 'exceptional building' and the 'overall height of the buildings is acceptable and the stepped elements work well in views south along Highgate Road'. This is completely untrue. The height is unacceptable compared with neighbouring buildings and it is certainly not 'exceptional'.
				The view north towards the building no. 2 Highgate Road, at the V junction of Highgate Road and Fortess Road, will be spoiled by this oversized and dominant building.
				Likewise it does not fit well with the Assembly House opposite.
				The Kentish Town Neighbourhood Plan, quoted by the developers, states that 'the design of the new building [on this site] will respect and be sensitive to the height of existing buildings in the vicinity and setting'. This building does neither.
				On these grounds I object to the current proposal for a seven storey building as detailed.