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Dear Mr Benmbarek

I am writing to you in order to object to the above Planning Application (2019/1070/P). Whilst I totally understand the requirement for more mental health facilities, and places in which they can operate, I just fail to comprehend how you could even consider placing one at 39 College Crescent. The location would be unsuitable and also unsafe in many respects for those living there.

It is my understanding the clinic would have 10 therapists within the development, meaning the pedestrian gate would be opened constantly throughout the day and evening, allowing a huge number of people to enter the premises.

The building was not designed to allow this, which would jeopardise the safety of the inhabitants of this development.

The windows are only 90cm from the ground, and if one were applying for planning permission for a similar building in a public space without a gated wall surrounding it, there is no question it would be rejected as families inside the houses would be overlooked and also potential victims of crime.

Additionally there is a metal staircase in the courtyard which leads into an underground garage. This would also be open to members of the public who would have access and could easily injure themselves or remain on the premises.

The development already suffers from noise pollution caused by Finchley Roas traffic and the hostel next door. Due to the design of the building an echo magnifies any noise made inside the courtyard. As it is intended for this clinic to operate late into the night, until 10 pm, the noise pollution would be vastly increased.

It is my understanding that Camden Planning has a specific interest in making mixed use developments safer. By granting this planning application you would make this development extremely unsafe for those living there, as well as for members of the public.

There are already too many offices, as well as a housing crisis. The Coach House could very easily be turned into a lovely family home, if you wanted to change its use.

Camden should consider turning some units classified as B1 (office use) into D1 (clinic use) and there are many buildings in the area which are far better suited to facilitate this, and they do not have the residential aspect.

I really appreciate your taking the time to read my letter and hope you will take my comments into consideration in respect of this planning application.

