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Sent: 09 April 2019 18:37
To: Carr, Seonaid
Cc: Planning
Subject: Planning Application ref 2018/6016/P

Dear Ms Carr

I am writing again regarding the above application in relation to the design aspect of the proposed development of the Ragged School. I am very concerned that the proposed design will add nothing to the neighbourhood and on the contrary will be a soulless addition that will cause irreversible damage and breakdown to this historic and residential area.

I understand that the developer would have gone through a design review process with Camden and would be grateful if you could provide a copy of the Design Review Panel's report and findings. Alternatively please advise where I can find the outcome to the Design Review online.

I am also concerned that as a building of over 30m in height the proposed development is entirely out of keeping and proportion with the surroundings and will overpower the area including several residential blocks, and local public house. From Warner House, we will lose the architecturally interesting and historic roofline of the old Ragged School and gain a soulless block of concrete which will change the skyline completely.

Please can you confirm whether a specific review was carried out in relation to London's Tall Buildings policy? If so, please would you supply a copy of the findings.

Although residents of Islington, we are very near neighbours of this Camden Conservation Area and would expect Camden's planning department to protect both the Conservation Area and our communities, encouraging positive developments whilst ensuring that outstanding design is achieved. It is clear that the current developer has no interest in the history of this area nor of its current character otherwise they would not be proposing such an ill-conceived scheme as running a high density hotel in this location.

Has Camden planning department received any further information as to the person or company expected to run the hotel? Has there been sight of the proposed lease agreement, including restrictions and use?

I understand the importance of providing affordable housing in this area, but trust that Camden Planning department will not be persuaded by the developer's promises on this score, to overlook the multiple drawbacks and lasting damage which would be caused by allowing the proposed application.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you on the above matters.

Kind regards

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