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Please upload objection.

Thanks,

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Further encroachment into the park space at Purchase Street is proposed, which is an unusual green woodland space filled with 40 years old trees.

Already around half of the park was planned to be covered in buildings. It is awful that the trees next to the Coopers Lane estate, which is threatened by the nearby pollution, yet is protected by the numerous mature trees, is planned to have those trees so close and nearby concreted over bizarrely, and apparently for access to the housing at the back of the park (yes, so very many people agree that more council housing is needed - but not on the park!!!)

It is unfortunate that there seemed to be arguments against trees alleviating pollution at the initial planning decision meeting, even though there is research to show that this is very much the case.

I understand that about 20 trees are to be take around the area of Purchase Street. This is the wrong direction to what is being agreed in society regarding what is needed in the face of climate change. It is going in the opposite direction to the current good intentions, and demands.

I had understood that the tower was to use the energy from the heat and power energy centre that contributes to the pollution at Brill Place. It should be the Coopers Lane flats that use this energy, instead of this otherwise doubling of the pollution in this area in terms of energy use which is already around 46-60 NO2 (when the legal EU limit is 40 for NO2). Even slight increases cause more heart attacks in polluted areas, and children's lungs never develop properly. Therefore this is an issue of Human Rights it would seem, in addition to the situation of the UK continuing with the EU law on pollution limits (and statements by top politicians for Camden that it is wanted that it is reduced to World Health Organisation levels, which is half that/again.) Moreover, if the pollution is not going to increase, and the impact really "None" regarding disabled people, then it would be helpful if residents could have this explained to them, because they really do not think so.

There is the whole of the borough of Camden (from Covent Garden to West Hampstead for building developments to sell, but it was explained previously that someone historically had requested a search for green sites to be built upon).

Taking the space in this way, also means that there is no chance in Somers Town to be organised sensibly and have an area for dogs to run around safely, and for a protected children's playground (which is the norm, and with children in particular being vulnerable to attack by dogs, there is no reason to decide differently). Also, it would make sense to have an area where all people can relax with dogs on the lead only (instead of owners having to be on guard against dogs fighting, which is an issue). A children's playground is needed, and especially now that children's centres in the area have closed down.

Furthermore, with lip service being paid to mental health issues, the beneficial effects of such green spaces on mental health should be more widely known (in addition to the substantial research regarding trees and health generally).

Please do not agree these ideas further, and revoke the planning permission, working with the residents on this woodland area to make the likely small improvements that should be done here, and for which there are ample funds earmarked; rather than go ahead with a development that ruins the park, leaving it would seem just a 1/4 of the tree area remaining, and seriously detrimentally impacting on disabled people in a severely polluted area, which was wrongly something not reported on or noted for the initial decision.

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