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To: Planning [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning Application - 2019/2879/P: Eastman Dental Hospital Site and Buildings etc

Dear Planners

We understand that the date for comments about this application has been extended and hope therefore that the comments below can be taken into account.

We support the concerns that have been raised by the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Forum. In particular:

- The proposed building's size is excessive and would have a substantially damaging effect on housing nearby. We do not believe there is justification for existing roof heights to be exceeded. No adequate reason is given for using part of the site for the provision of training facilities for activities not allied to dementia research
- The operation of a very much valued local amenity, Calthorpe Community Garden, would be heavily compromised by loss of use of a key part of its estate for several years if the current plans were followed
- Users and staff of the Community Garden would be subject to heightened levels of pollution and noise, levels probably well above what is deemed acceptable
- The Community Garden would permanently lose sunlight which would compromise one of its central activities, plant growing

We recognise that a research centre into the causes and treatment of dementia is in itself a very valuable development but we do not accept that it should adversely affect the surrounding residential community or local amenities. The southern part of the borough feels oppressed by the endless development of clinical and academic medical facilities. If such developments are permitted they should be of a scale which is not oppressive or intrusive.

We hope you will refer this application back for substantial revision.

Yours

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