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To whom it may concern,

### **Peperfield Day Centre conversion to residential accommodation**

We write to set out support from Camden Learning Disabilities Service and Camden learning disabilities integrated commissioning team for the proposed development of the former Peperfield Day Centre into residential accommodation.

The provision of an additional unit of family-sized, wheelchair accessible accommodation at the base of 'Peperfield' on the Cromer Estate WC1H will improve the housing options for some of Camden's most vulnerable residents. Suitably adapted, high quality, general needs properties are a vital housing option for people with learning disabilities. Coupled with the provision of tailored floating support, this options supports the building of independence and progression and improves health and wellbeing, in line with Our Camden 2025 priorities.

Waiting lists for housing in the borough demonstrate a significant lack of ground floor, fully wheelchair accessible family accommodation (three or four bedroom homes). In some cases, this results in people being accommodated and supported in unsuitable and/ or overcrowded homes in the borough, negatively impacting on their health and wellbeing and that of any family members supporting them. In other cases people are moved into supported living or residential provision before they need it, sometimes outside the borough at a greater distance from their families and communities.

We therefore wholly support the development of a much needed family sized, wheelchair accessible home at the base of 'Peperfield' on the Cromer Estate WC1H, and look forward to its completion. An individual with learning disabilities and his family on the waiting list for such accommodation, who currently lives in an overcrowded and poorly adapted property, has been identified for a nomination to the new flat under the Council's Learning Disabilities Nominations Policy and Procedure. The proposals have been discussed with the family, who actively welcome this development.

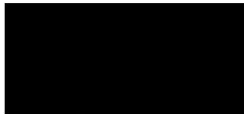
We do not believe that the loss of a day centre facility on the site would create, or add to, a shortfall in provision for people with learning disabilities or the existing wider community. The building became vacant in 2018 because the existing day centre facilities were re-located to Mayford, prior to moving to the new Greenwood Centre in Kentish Town in January 2019. Subsequently, there remains sufficient day centre provision for people with learning disabilities in the borough, coupled with the Council's priority to broaden the range of day opportunity provision and increase community participation.

No other community members making use of the building, outside of the day centre users, have been identified.



Thank you for the opportunity to set out our support for this development. We anticipate its opening in 2020 and the improved life chances it will offer people with learning disabilities in line with the Council's Camden 2025 vision.

Yours sincerely



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