

### **Planning statement (7/10/2019)**

The requirement for D1 on the ground floor is due to the Royal Free School using the premises during the daytime. The information for the planning statement is below:

- The Royal Free School needs additional and a more suitable space as their previous location (the hospital) was too small and inadequate.
- The School is for students who due to mental health issues cannot attend mainstream school. The Hive is a mental health service for young people aged 16 to 24. Many of the students attending the school will eventually become members of The Hive. Therefore the school being based at The Hive is a natural partnership between the school and Catch22 and allows for a smooth transition from pupil to member.
- The ground floor of The Hive is used in the afternoons and evenings due to the nature of work with the young people (the basement is used continually for the service): therefore there is an underutilised space in a London borough where space is at premium. Sharing the space with an organisation with similar principles, goals and cohort makes social, economic and business sense.
- Due to the high rent prices for commercial property in the area, it makes better financial sense for Catch22 to share the rent costs with another organisation.
- Commissioners and Councillors alike from Camden Council are eager for this partnership to take place and be successful and have very much supported the process.