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Dear Laura

**Space House Planning Application 2019/2773/P**

On behalf of City Lit, I am writing to express our support for the Space House planning application.

City Lit is the leading adult education college in London, where Londoners have come to learn since 1919. We believe that everyone has a right to learn and improve themselves – and we work hard to inspire people's passions, and help them realise their ambitions. We teach over 30,000 students a year – aged 19 to 90 from across every London borough, as well as many who travel from outside London and overseas.

City Lit support the proposals to develop Space House as we can see considerable merit in their plans to seek the retention, refurbishment and development of the existing building; particularly their intention to create a new public realm and active retail frontage animating the site and opening it up to public use. We believe this will both enhance the character of the area, but also improve the community engagement opportunities, opening up the areas into a vibrant, community public space.

Adult education is vital to any society – for economic and reasons, but also individually for people's health and wellbeing. Having a community environment developed in the way the Space House proposals are set out, would greatly add to the education experience of our learners.

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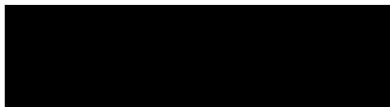
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In addition, and as previously raised with the London Borough of Camden, we would like to raise with you the opportunity to improve the development further by pedestrianising Keeley Street - the road that leads to the entrance of City Lit. We have been concerned for some time now about how the road is used and the flow and speed of traffic along it.

A significant number of our students are older, in their 60s, 70s and 80s with even a few in their 90s. We also serve people who have physical and learning disabilities, particularly serving the Deaf and hard of hearing communities – through our renowned Centre for Deaf Education. Given the concerns we raise around the flow of traffic, we are keen to ask for consideration of full pedestrianisation of Keeley Street

It is currently a far from pretty street or neighbourhood. We believe the development of Space House will create a more modern, open and sensitive area, which would be more human friendly and welcoming. Most importantly, it could reduce the risk of injury to pedestrians from traffic accidents.

Yours sincerely



Mark Malcomson CBE  
Principal and Chief Executive