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To: 100avenueroadCMP [REDACTED]
Subject: 100 Avenue Rd CMP

Dear Sirs,

I don't understand who I am supposed to send my objections to, but here they are:

Dear Sir,

It is getting wintry and the weather is not encouraging, but it has nonetheless been evident since your demolition works began that fewer and fewer people have been using the green space between Basil Spence's library and the Hampstead Theatre, for the very obvious reason that the hoardings enclosing your site create a discouraging sense of confinement and constraint - an effect not dissimilar from that experienced by people living opposite a prison wall like Pentonville. This sense of discomfort is increased by the sight and above all the noise of the machinery in use and the sense that something is being violated and destroyed. You have created a no-go area which is psychologically disturbing. And there is nothing you can do to prevent this; it is an inevitable consequence of what you have undertaken.

The movement of an increased number of large and heavy vehicles, with the accompanying throb and vibration of their engines, and the mere appearance of all this machinery above the tops of the hoardings just serves to heighten this sense of unease, to say nothing of the additional pollution and, of course, increased risk of accidents.

I cycle past the site on the main road side almost daily. The slip road full of your trucks already causes a narrowing of the roadway, which is dangerous for cyclists, because it causes four-wheeled traffic heading for Adelaide Road to cut in to the left hand lanes, a danger that will only be increased by the presence of more trucks turning into the slip road, creating each time a sort of traffic swirl behind them.

The plain truth is that your development plan and its organisation, even without the suspicion aroused by your shifting proposals, is already causing a major nuisance and will continue to do so for an unconscionably long time and it is beginning to look as if you are taking the view that, if you are in for a penny, you might as well be in for a pound and be done with it.

You need to remember that in the eyes of the many thousands of us who live round here there is nothing "essential" about this for us. We gain nothing. We are the losers whatever you do. You need however to take us into consideration, organise your affairs in a way that causes less rather than more distress and stick to the rules, not keep trying to change them.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Salmon

