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School

Please upload objection.

Thanks,

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Subject: Planning Application 2019/4741/P Ludham/Undercroft/ London Mosaic School

Hello David,

I live at Lamble Street and along with EGOVRA attended a meeting with the Mosaic School late last year about the proposals to move rubbish and recycling facilities out of the Ludham Undercroft and into Lismore Circus or the Heriot Place / Elaine Grove Junction. I strongly support the initiative at The Mosaic School and your endeavour to make good use of the Ludham Undercroft but I strongly object to this being at the expense of local residents.

I have lived in Kentish Town for 15 years and have been involved in the local community. I have lived on Lamble Street for over a year and I was immediately impressed to see how much some members of EGOVRA and friends who live in the flats opposite have done to regenerate the open spaces of Lismore Circus. In their free time they have worked tirelessly to plant up the area and turn it from being a negative place to drink / hide drugs to a place where people feel safe and children can play. Planting trees and caring about the land give these spaces a special sense of worth. All this is done by local residents in their own time. How does introducing large rubbish containers into this area help local residents enjoy these open spaces? Most of the flats / houses in the area do not have gardens so this space is at a premium and is used frequently by families, communities and dog-walkers.

During the meeting I became enormously frustrated. The Mosaic School's sense of social purpose seemed to put them on a pedestal. They want to regenerate the area and support local communities but their plan to put the bins out in the open is explicit in its disregard of local residents. I found this contraction deeply disingenuous. We talked about it for about an hour but the conversation did not evolve so I left. To me it is glaringly simple - an initiative like this should be drawing communities together not dividing us. I agree that the Mosaic School should not work around rubbish but why as a result should we live next to it, look over it and my two children play amongst it? The Undercroft was designed to cope with the waste of the flats above it in mind, it was not designed to house artists' studios. If the use of the Undercroft is being adapted then the Mosaic School and Camden need to find a suitable alternative to accommodate its change of use. In my opinion you have not currently found one. You have just

pushed the problem out of the Undercroft and that just is not good enough. I work on a number of inclusive initiatives within television and if they had any detrimental effects peoples' lives then I would deem them unsuccessful.

It saddens me that despite all the efforts that local residents have put into regenerating the area that we / they have been given so little consideration by Camden Council or the Mosaic School.

Please could you take my objection to this planning application into account.



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