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2019/5214P		29/01/2020 12:17:36	OBJ	<p>I object to this application for the numerous reasons given by the residents association of Somerton House. These include the loss of light and privacy from the extension, the fire safety risk due to the increase in trucks and building works, public safety due to Duke's Road becoming a delivery site for 15 months, the effects on myself and my neighbours from the increase in traffic, noise and disturbance, and of course the effects on the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are also two major existing issues affecting Duke's Road that Camden Council are failing to address which should be dealt with before further problems are generated by this planning application.</p> <p>Most notably the sharp increase in drug use and anti-social behaviour over the last few years that takes place throughout the day and through the night on Duke's Road. This is particularly prevalent at the rear exit of the Ambassadors Bloomsbury Hotel which opens midway down Duke's Road. Most nights there are a small group of drug users there leaving needles, drugs, alcohol and rubbish strewn across the pavement and into the road. There also follows that there are loud altercations and fights into the early hours of the morning as a result, and Camden Council, the Ambassadors Bloomsbury Hotel and the police have done nothing about this despite local residents pleas for help.</p> <p>There is also the issue of the traffic junction entering Duke's Road where there have been several accidents and a tragic death in the last couple of years because Camden Council refuse to install a proper pedestrian crossing where the road meets the Euston road. Having a sharp increase in large delivery trucks is only going to exacerbate an already extremely dangerous situation.</p> <p>Camden Council should prioritise residents needs and safety first and foremost above that of business profitability and decline this building application.</p>
