

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/5888/P		04/02/2020 20:51:40	OBJ	<p>I wish to oppose the change of use from the launderette to retail space.</p> <p>The application states that launderette facilities are available across the road at the dry cleaner's. This is untrue. The facilities offered there are expensive and offer nothing for families with children.</p> <p>Much has been made of the fact that all local residents have washing facilities in their homes, however, again this is untrue and without this launderette, local people will have to carry heavy bags of washing to Belsize Lane launderette, which also has a questionable future.</p> <p>I have used the launderette many times when my washing machine was broken and also for heavy items. It is well run, a real locals spot and a meeting place for many local people. Wealthier residents say that pubs and cafes offer this facility, but not everyone can afford or feel comfortable in the expensive cafes in England's Lane.</p> <p>What England's Lane does not need is another expensive cafe/juice bar that offers nothing to the local community. It will be another venue where customers park outside, increasing the existing traffic congestion which is going to get markedly worse when HS2 work begins.</p> <p>Most people who use the launderette do not travel by car, certainly not the England's Lane hostel residents. To approve this application would be another indication that Camden Council is increasing ignoring its less well-off residents and catering to the privileged population in this area who would rather spend £10.00 on a juice than see their less well-off neighbours have washing facilities within easy reach of their homes.</p>

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