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2019/5888/P	Don Beskine	15/02/2020 15:43:24	OBJNOT	<p>I object on the following grounds. The launderette is a vital asset in the local area. Although most local people do not use it regularly, a significant albeit minority number of local people rely on it for all their needs. Many more rely on it as a back up in case of failure of their own washing machine. The application claims, incorrectly, that one can have clothes cleaned in the dry cleaners shop next door but in fact that dry cleaners does not provide a comparable service to the launderette regarding self service clothes washing in water nor serviced washing in water of everyday clothes. Some local people rely on the launderette for their clothes washing because they do not have access to a washing machine at their home and in many cases do not have space to install one or are tenants and not allowed by landlord or able to install one. The launderette is their only option. Some local people including me rely on the Launderette as a back up, for use when our home facilities are not working or overloaded. The applicant claims the local plan stipulated 50% of local shop units need to be retail and a change of use to A1 will some how increase the retail use in the road but that is a false claim because launderette is a retail use and a very valuable retail use for the many local people who rely on it. It would be very difficult for a new launderette in a different shop to get planning consent for Launderette because there are numerous special needs that such use would require to be in place and they are likely cost prohibitive for a new operation. Hence if the shop at 47 Englands lane were to be permitted to be operated as other than Launderette it would likely mean the local area will never get a replacement. In other words if this launderette changes to A 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 use it will result in the local area never having a launderette again. The absence of a launderette in other parts of Camden mean that it is used by people beyond its immediate area and so serves a wider community than just its very local customer base. Its a vital resource for that area.</p>
2019/5888/P	Dr Jill A Franklin	15/02/2020 18:08:18	OBJ	<p>I object to change of use for this property because it represents a reduction of amenity that would impact unfairly on the daily lives of the neediest in the locality.</p>
2019/5888/P	Anne Prasad	16/02/2020 12:27:01	OBJ	<p>I am concerned to learn that the launderette in England's Lane may be about to close. There is already a large number of food outlets in England's Lane - it seems inappropriate that this area may be about to gain yet another one, at the cost of losing the launderette.</p> <p>Homeless families in temporary accommodation in the area and young people living in rented flats and bedsits will be deprived of a valuable resource - the fact that most people own their own washing machine nowadays does not mean that the needs of those less fortunate can be ignored.</p>
2019/5888/P	Anne Prasad	16/02/2020 12:27:25	OBJ	<p>I am concerned to learn that the launderette in England's Lane may be about to close. There is already a large number of food outlets in England's Lane - it seems inappropriate that this area may be about to gain yet another one, at the cost of losing the launderette.</p> <p>Homeless families in temporary accommodation in the area and young people living in rented flats and bedsits will be deprived of a valuable resource - the fact that most people own their own washing machine nowadays does not mean that the needs of those less fortunate can be ignored.</p>

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2019/5888/P	christina paine	17/02/2020 00:27:29	OBJNOT	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I object to the closing of the England's Lane launderette.</p> <p>The launderette is an important asset to our area and a crucial community resource especially for those residents without washing machines. Residents should have access to machines to wash their own clothes for an affordable price. This is a service we need to protect and and importantly it is a service that is not provided by the many dry cleaners.</p> <p>It is an affordable way for local residents to have access to clean clothes and other day to day items (duvet covers/towels etc), most importantly for those who don't have access to a washing machine or tumble dryer in their home or building, and secondly to those who use it as a backup when their appliances are broken. I assume an equality impact assessment has been done on this proposal. It is a health and safety risk for Camden residents without home washing facilities on a long term basis or in the event of a breakdown of a machine.</p> <p>Moreover if the shop at 47 Englands Lane were to be permitted to be operated as other than a launderette it would likely mean the local area will never get a replacement. If this launderette changes to A1/2/3/4/5 use it will result in the local area never having a launderette again.</p> <p>There are enough cafe's in England's Lane already. On principle I see no valid reason to get rid of this valuable human resource. I object and I hope this is taken with all due seriousness.</p>

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2019/5888/P	Mark Agathangelou	16/02/2020 13:14:59	OBJ	<p>I would like to object to this application for change of use for the launderette at 47 England's Lane, London. I feel that the presence of a launderette is essential in every locality as a social amenity, especially where there are many flats and places of multiple occupancy, including social housing, hostels et cetera. Many people do not have access to their own washing machine either because they do not have one or because they share with other people, limiting access clothes washing facilities. Anyone might need the services of a launderette to wash large items, such as duvets, (too large for domestic washing machines) which can be important in maintaining cleanliness and therefore good health. There is also the case where somebody finds themselves temporarily without a washing machine due to a technical break down. Everybody needs the right to keep themselves and their clothes clean, it's essential for well-being and employability. It's a matter of social equality & no one should be denied access to cleanliness because of means. As I understand it, this launderette is used regularly, so it is obviously of use in the community. If it did not exist, it would be necessary to travel some distance to find an alternative. England's Lane already has plenty of food shopping and there are numerous outlets for fruit, vegetables and other groceries all within very easy reach by bus or walk. Much further to go to find another launderette.</p> <p>In conclusion then, a launderette is an essential amenity, it is particularly useful where there is a lot of social housing (as there is in this area), there is no nearby alternative, the change of use is to a category already very well served locally, this launderette is in constant use showing that there is a real demand for its services. I urge the planning committee to reject the application and retain this valuable amenity for the community, particularly for its economically disadvantaged and deprived members. Thank you.</p>
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