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For the attention of Ben Farrant, Planning Officer  
RE: application reference number: 2019/5214/P

Erection of a two-storey roof top extension and a seven-storey annexe extension to existing hotel (Use Class C1); formation of ground floor restaurant (Use Class A3); together with alterations to the external appearance, access, plant, car parking and associated works (total uplift 2990sq. m)

I am writing in objection to the proposed extension of Premier Inn that occupies the first five floors of our building. Somerton House welcomed its first residents in 1965 and was named after Somers Town so is very much part of the heritage of the local area. However, since Whitbread took over the building, residents of Somerton House have had continuous disruptions to their lives which have become more and more unacceptable.

Social housing stock is precisions and essential for the elderly, vulnerable and those on low incomes. The purpose of such homes is so people can live in an environment which hpromotes a sense of security and enhances the quality of their lives. The proposed extension would not only affect the local aesthetic and bring a great deal of chaos to the resident's lives during the build. Long term, residents would be deprived of their views and much needed light. Given that we have a fair amount of elderly and vulnerable in the building this would be seriously harmful to their well-being.

Noise and pollution would also be another serious concern as no build of this scale can occur without it.

Additionally, the car park would be reduced in size and therefore would make moving vehicles around even more difficult than it already is. Parking is difficult, at the best of times, as the spaces are small and often large vehicles either block or reduce pathways Most days, we are expected to wait for large lorries who are either delivering goods or picking-up laundry. There is a continuous beeping and electronic sounds of lorries manoeuvring around the car park below us from 7:30am. With the hotel's expansion, this will not only get worse, but residents will be expected to negotiate a building site where cranes and diggers will be in constant use. In the event of an emergency, fire and ambulance services would not be able to gain access from the lower ground floor should they need too.

Lastly, noise and pollution would be increased in an area where strong efforts are being made to reduce them. Russell Square and Marylebone Road are considered to be some of the worse parts of London where it is essential environmental changes need to take place.

As one of the oldest tenants in the building, please take my concerns into consideration when reviewing this proposal. I strongly object to the extension and believe it will be unfavourable to the residents of Somerton House in the long run which goes totally against the fundamental principles of which these flats were first build.

I look forward to hearing from you and a positive outcome.

Yours faithfully,

