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From: Fowler, David
Sent: 12 March 2020 11:02
To: Planning
Subject: FW: 'Brill Tower' proposal (ref: 2019/5882/P)

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From: harriet evans [Redacted]
Sent: 12 March 2020 10:15
To: Fowler, David [Redacted]
Cc: Linda Lefevre [Redacted], Robert West, Highgate Labour Party Branch Secretary [Redacted], Shezan Campaigns [Redacted]
Subject: Re: 'Brill Tower' proposal (ref: 2019/5882/P)

Resending with the reference number.

On 12 Mar 2020, at 10:14, harriet evans [Redacted] wrote:

Dear David

I am writing to convey my concerns over the planned 'Brill Tower' development in Somers Town.

First, I understand that the number of flats to be included is significantly more than the number agreed back in 2016, increasing density in an already densely populated area. I also gather that the look of the building is very different to the one that was granted planning permission in 2016.

Local residents have already expressed their anger at the impact of the Brill Place Tower on the area, in particular, over the loss of trees and green space from Purchase Street open space. All 68 flats in the proposed tower are to be valued at market prices. Many people in Somers Town, one of the poorest in our borough, live in overcrowded accommodation and will never be able to get on the property ladder. The area has also suffered from a history of disruptive building work, undertaken with woefully inadequate disregard to the needs and wishes of its residents.

If the needs of the current residents were to be properly prioritised, as I believe they should, the proposed development would need to focus on the building of additional homes for social rent and additional green open space or play space.

In all, I object to the proposals and support calls that have already been made for a new viability assessment of the entire scheme and for the planning committee to fully explore the issues that have been raised.

Kind regards

Harriet Evans (Vice-Chair, Highgate Branch of the Labour Party)