



To: Camden Council Planning Application Department

Dear Sir / Madam,

Reference Proposal: Francis Gardner Apartments: Planning reference no 2020/0928/P

I object decisively to the proposed redevelopment of the Francis Gardner Apartment for the reasons outlined below:

- **Reason for build** – the reasons provided for the need to demolish the existing site are inadequate considering the result will mean a loss of amenities for the students including no communal or outdoor areas. This will have a negative impact on the students themselves and of course on all of us as a result.
- **Noise and physical damage** – the proposed demolition and reconstruction will result in massive noise pollution for a continued and constant period of 4 to 5 years. This is a residential area and people are increasingly working from home. In addition, there needs to be clear risk assessment to the effect of such powerful works to the foundation and stability of all surrounding buildings.
- **Air pollution** – the resulting dust and debris will cause a huge amount of unnecessary air pollution for an area that is brimming with young children and a large vulnerable elderly population. We are currently held hostage indoors and have limited respite to walk outdoors and get fresh air. If this project goes ahead, this can only be detrimental to everyone's health.
- **Light and privacy** – the proposed build is larger and taller than the existing building and this will impact the rights to light and privacy for our residents in Kings Gardens. There are no studies available in the plans that show that this has been reviewed adequately or even considered.
- **West End Lane layout** – the developers have not presented any plans or drawing to show what the new building will look like 360 degrees on West End Lane and against its neighbours. My suspicion is that this will change the look of the whole road and surrounds and would garner even much more opposition from the whole of West Hampstead.

I consider this proposal to be weak in its rationale, and highly negative in its impact on the community. As such, I hope that Camden Council will reject it.

Yours sincerely,

