



Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Bloomsbury Association I have reviewed the Officer report to the Members' Briefing Panel and wish to comment on some aspects of it.

In reference to the Bloomsbury Association's objections, the introduction "*The comments are numerous and complex.....*" may be considered patronising. I trust we can assume that Members are capable of understanding such matters and, if they are complex, they are things the Planning Committee should have the opportunity to consider and comment on before the application is determined.

Section 4 Assessment:

In 4.1 it is stated that "*the developer intends to build out in accordance with the previously approved plans*" when it is clear that this is quite contrary to what is intended since the contractor reports that 208 rooms are already far advanced on site.

In 4.2, it is stated that "*a s73 application would be required in order to implement such a change as this would represent a minor material amendment to the original scheme*". Not only is this a misuse of s73 of the TCPA 1990, which is designed specifically for changes on non-compliance with a previously approved condition, but it appears to have pre-judged such an application as a 'minor material amendment' when drawings haven't yet been seen or the effects of the changes considered. S73 is not intended for this purpose and Officers would be misleading Members to suggest it is.

In 4.4, it is stated that "*Conditions on the original consent mean it would still need to be built in compliance with the originally approved scheme*", but experience over the period of construction has shown that the conditions and s106 Unilateral Obligations are not being complied with. In the response (1) to the Summary of consultation responses (objections), it is stated that "*CMP is being adhered to/complied with.*" This is not just misleading, but false. The Bloomsbury Association have sent countless notices to your colleagues in Enforcement detailing infringements with the approved CMP on a daily basis, e.g. traffic, pedestrian closures, deliveries, parking etc.

Regards
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