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2020/1481/P		31/05/2020 13:47:20	SUPPRT	I fully support this exciting development which will mean that the Charity can provide an enhanced service to people in need, and I fear that need will only increase.
2020/1481/P		29/05/2020 17:16:26	SUPPRT	<p>I am writing to support the Redevelopment of the London Irish Centre - 2020/1481/P.</p> <p>As CEO of The Passage, a homelessness charity running the largest Resource Centre for homeless people in the UK, as well as accommodation, homeless prevention and Anti-Slavery schemes, I fully support this application.</p> <p>The London Irish Centre has been part of London's community, and in particular Camden for many years. It has proved a lifeline for many, helped thousands integrate into London society and also shaped the minds of many to give back to and play a wider role in society.</p> <p>The Centre continues to play a critical role for many, including those affected by homelessness or other areas of disadvantage, and it is a ray of hope for many. However it is vital that the facilities it offers are ready to respond to the needs of today, and be flexible and adaptable; this application, if approved, allows them to do just that.</p> <p>The Covid-19 pandemic has shown how interdependent we are on the support of each other, and how we need organisations within the community to be there; now more than ever the London Irish Centre needs to be able to ensure it is there for those to come who need it the most; these plans will achieve that, I support them and very much hope permission will be granted.</p>
2020/1481/P		30/05/2020 20:38:31	WREP	I fully support this development and greatly appreciate the fantastic work that the Irish centre do for the local community. I and many others have greatly benefited from the work that they do and this will go a long way in continuing that.
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 09:02:26	NOBJ	<p>`Supporting the Redevelopment of the London Irish Centre - 2020/1481/P`</p> <p>We are delighted to support this development. The Irish community in London and indeed the wider community generally have benefited from the high quality social, welfare, cultural and health services provided by the London Irish Centre for many decades. We all want it to continue being the Irish Heart, a place of welcome and generous support. Equally, we are aware that the London Irish Centre building is in need of modernisation if it is to continue its world class service. A modern fully DDA compliant and welcoming building is vital if the charity is to continue offering a service to all. It makes perfect business sense as a modern refurbished building will be more efficient and cost effective and will enable the Centre's management to focus on front line community services in the knowledge that the building is fit for purpose, is a therapeutically designed community space and supports the wellbeing of the community. We wish the London Irish Centre well and look forward to viewing the new space as the Irish and wider community work together particularly in response to Covid-19</p> <p>CEO Ashford Place, Irish Charity in Cricklewood</p>

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2020/1481/P		29/05/2020 10:43:41	SUPPRT	<p>Supporting the Redevelopment of the London Irish Centre - 2020/1481/P</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of The Ireland Funds Great Britain in support of The London Irish Centre's application to redevelop the Centre on Camden Square.</p> <p>The London Irish Centre is a critical part of the Irish community in London; they provide welfare services for many isolated and vulnerable people of all ages in our community, they offer a safe place for elderly members of the community to come together, and they promote Irish arts and culture to a wider London audience through events and music and language classes. Their response to the COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated just how vital the service they provide is for both the local community in Camden and those in need across London. We fully support the redevelopment of the Centre to enable them to expand their reach and to do so in a comfortable, accessible and modern facility.</p> <p>LICC is the largest Irish centre outside of Ireland and was the recipient of The Ireland Funds Great Britain Annual Community Award in November 2019, this award was given in recognition of their exceptional work and the impact it achieves within the community. We are proud to have supported the London Irish Centre's charitable work through our Annual Grant Round.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing this project progress and to the many additional benefits that the redeveloped centre will bring not just to the Irish community but the wider communities of Camden and London.</p>
2020/1481/P		31/05/2020 16:05:50	SUPPRT	<p>This application represents a much needed step forward for the London Irish Centre. Improvements have been long over due and the enhanced project will ensure that the Charity can do more good work for the people of Camden and the Irish Community. I support the application.</p>

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2020/1481/P		29/05/2020 11:58:11	COMMNT	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>I write to support the LIC's planning application.</p> <p>I was born in Ireland but have lived in the UK for the past 29 years. I am now resident in Camden.</p> <p>I have attended numerous cultural events at the centre over the past five years. The LIC runs a broad programme of cultural events that caters for all tastes and age groups. It attracts writers and musicians of the highest calibre. It maintains a library of books of Irish interest that is probably without peer in Great Britain.</p> <p>The LIC also carries out very important social work for older and more vulnerable members of the community. Its work ranges from lunch clubs for the elderly to providing clean clothes and a shower for the homeless. It also provides advice and assistance on social security and housing. This aspect of its work is genuinely awe inspiring. It represents the best of the Irish spirit in looking out for those who need a helping hand.</p> <p>The LIC also provides office space to other social enterprises, including the Catholic chaplain to Irish prisoners.</p> <p>The LIC occupies an important place in the Irish community in London and in the UK. It is the embassy for the ordinary people providing a forum for Irish people of all ages and backgrounds to come together. It is situated in what remains one of the strongest Irish communities in London. Its long term survival is important to the Irish community and the vulnerable (of all nationalities) who rely upon its services.</p> <p>I am familiar with the LIC's current premises and was given a tour of the buildings last year. They are plainly unfit for purpose, comprising a cobbled together over the decades of adjoining buildings with warrens of corridors and tiny rooms. There is no alternative to a strategy of substantial redevelopment. The redevelopment is also critical to securing the long term survival of the LIC by giving it the ability to be financially self-sufficient. A redeveloped LIC will form a cultural bridge between Ireland and the UK. It will also preserve and tell the story of the generations of Irish people who have come to the UK.</p> <p>Camden has long been a focal point for the Irish community in London. A redeveloped LIC will ensure that continues to be the case for decades to come.</p>
2020/1481/P		30/05/2020 16:06:11	NOBJ	<p>The London Irish Centre is a pillar of positivity in our community, somewhere which connects others with their heritage and brings people together, but critically supporting those who're vulnerable - providing critical care and support.</p>

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2020/1481/P		29/05/2020 13:12:48	SUPPRT	<p>My family and I are strong supporters of the London Irish Centre's planning application. We have had a long connection with the centre extending from my daughter attending Irish Dancing lessons there (over 20 years ago) to helping with the various outreach programmes that they provide. While I am from Ireland and enjoy the traditional music and events they host, the thing that has maintained my interest in the centre has been this outreach and the services that the LIC provides. I have been inspired by the multicultural approach that the LIC has endorsed & in effect it has understood the issues that the Irish community has transitioned through in London are not specific to any one culture. Their learned experiences have allowed the LIC to develop an approach that can be offered to many individuals and communities of London citizens.</p> <p>What has always been obvious from being at the Centre is the massive inefficiency in the space that they use. We have often commented on the 'warren' of staircases connecting various parts of the building and the apparent lack of space for such a large footprint of land.</p> <p>My principal reason for supporting the redevelopment is that this building will enhance the services that the LIC provides. Welfare, advice, education, and subsidised community-use space are essential in a major city like London & where many of these items suffer from a lack of funding. We strongly support the creation of a building that will look good, but much more importantly, will allow the LIC to maintain their high level of services into the future.</p>
