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2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 20:44:10	PETITNSUP P	London Irish centre offers so much to the community and personally when I first moved to work in London found it a great refuge to meet friendly faces and helpful like minded people. It'd be great to see this planning permission granted to continue expanding and doing great work
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 20:24:01	PETITNSUP P	<p>I've been going to the London Irish Centre since I moved to a London over 21 years ago - a regular all the way from SE London and now from Welling, in Kent. My affiliation started by attending GAA/Camogie meetings, then I discovered the various cultural events they hosted including the Irish county Association Dinner Dances - attending the latter brought it home how much the centre is a magnet for a wide cross section of the community, especially those who rely on such central hubs in order to meet friends and make friends. It's original purpose over 65 years ago is still as strong as it was then, however it needs a complete makeover to suit the wider needs of the community it serves now and future proof it for the foreseeable. An important part of that planning is to ensure a certain level of self sufficiency &amp; ability to make money in-house in order to run the programmes more cost effectively.</p> <p>We must remember how much the centre supports the vulnerable locally and that's not just the older generation. People end up in London for all sorts of reasons and if unlucky or things don't go well they can very quickly find themselves in difficulty in one of the biggest &amp; most expensive cities in the world. The advice, support &amp; counselling services provided at LIC are phenomenal and those services need to continue &amp; adapt to the changing face of society. The current COVID19 global pandemic is an example where LIC &amp; the wider community have rolled up their sleeves to help those in need the most. The planing &amp; logistics involved in delivering hot dinners, food parcels, electronic devices to the most vulnerable is commendable - the LIC reputation and collaboration with Camden Council is a long term relationship that will continue to reap reward.</p> <p>I'm very much in favour of the building renovation project and helping by supporting their fundraising campaign &amp; awareness!</p> <p>Londoners need &amp; deserve this project to thrive &amp; succeed - I look forward to the journey.</p>

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2020/1481/P		1:53:49	SUPPRT	<p>I am writing to support the application from the London Irish Centre.</p> <p>As another Irish Community organisation that also serves the wider community of Londoners, Innisfree Housing Association understands the positive impact that the centre already makes through its work.</p> <p>This endeavour, to create the new iconic heart for the Irish Community in London, is needed now more than ever.</p> <p>We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the London Irish Centre into the future, underpinned by the revitalised building in the heart of Camden.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>

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2020/1481/P		06/2020 18:32:42	COMMNT	<p>Dear Sir / Madam</p> <p>I am writing to support the proposal being made for the redevelopment and upgrading of the London Irish Centre. I am a Camden resident (address supplied) born in Ireland. I have attended many events at the LIC and would like to emphasise that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Its community support is essential in helping, especially older Irish and non-Irish people in dealing with issues of housing, mental health, loneliness and poverty</li> <li>2) This support has been especially important during Covid-19, with its meal provision and personal check ups / phone calls</li> <li>3) The LIC is also an important cultural and social hub for London's Irish community, via nights out, cultural events and social activities</li> </ol> <p>These activities play an important role in London's social fabric, and make Camden a destination.</p> <p>The LIC, however, is constrained by its current site, both on size and also on functionality. The opportunity to redevelop this site, in order to improve the LIC's ability to deliver on its mission, is a very exciting one for Camden, and one I hope the council will see fit to support</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions</p>
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2020/1481/P	y	01/06/2020 20:33:55	NOBJ	Fantastic news what a great venue which is much needed
2020/1481/P	s	02/06/2020 02:44:38	SUPPRT	The new developments all look good and I cannot wait to benefit from the new building work with my fellow Irishpeople.

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2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 21:07:29	COMMNT	<p>There are few buildings that build a community spirit. This one has done so for many generations of Irish people as they came to build a new life in London town.</p> <p>In this century, with all our mobility, digital choices and virtual existence, that yearning to belong beats stronger than ever. The LIC offers a tapestry of services and always something to draw you in. You come for the event or service, you return for the warmth. Modernising our centre is key for current and future generations, we will always build lives here in this great city and keep building, counting, cooking, serving Londoners. We want that community spirit to beat strongly and be centred in a contemporary home, the London Irish Centre is that home.</p>
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 21:34:04	SUPPRT	A fantastic organisation that should be supported at every opportunity for all they give to the community.
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 20:58:21	SUPPRT	Many of us enjoy the events at LIC (Comedy, BNO, poetry, plays) however, their main function is to support the more vulnerable in our community by providing vital services especially now during the current COVID crisis. It's not all about giving us the cultural dividends but for most it's a lifeline. This facility is a fantastic opportunity to enhance the already outstanding work LIC does on a yearly basis. Let's make it happen!!

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2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 19:33:55	INT	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>LONDON IRISH CENTRE 2020/1481/P</p> <p>I am the Artistic Director of Irish Theatre based at the London Irish Centre. I have been operating from the centre for the past twelve years focusing on the development of new Irish writing for the theatre. During that time, I have nurtured writers from a blank page to a full stage with much of the work produced being performed at the centre, elsewhere in London and across Ireland. I have also afforded opportunities for actors and directors working in the theatre.</p> <p>Up until now I have utilised workshop, rehearsal and performance spaces at the centre which at times has been difficult due to the growing demand on the resources the centre has to offer. What is particularly needed is a fully equipped performance space to present the best in Irish theatre, both locally produced and national touring. Having worked in Irish theatre production for over twenty years, I can attest to a large and determined Irish audience which includes first generation Irish people, subsequent generations and family members, not to mention members of the public who appreciate the best theatre in the English-speaking world.</p> <p>From a theatre making point of view, what is needed is a building suited to a modern audience who have come to expect a modern space, fully accessible, more spaces of varying sizes and functions and of course world-beating theatre provision.</p> <p>I hope my comments have been helpful in enabling you to reach a decision about the proposed development plans for the London Irish Centre.</p> <p>Best wishes</p>

2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 20:48:55	SUPPRT	I fully support this application. The LIC has been a fantastic support to the vulnerable in our communities for many years and continues to identify ways that it can support those in need.
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 22:23:04	SUPPRT	I'm very much in support of the planning permission sought by the London Irish centre. The centre provides vital services to the community as well as a lifeline to the more vulnerable particularly during the current COVID-19 crisis
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 21:22:09	SUPPRT	Very much needed for the community
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 20:43:09	COMMNT	The London Irish Center in Camden is a life line to many and in particular vulnerable people in North London and beyond. The new centre design will ensure Economic viability and therefore sustainability of their many vital and far reaching services.

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2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 19:31:30	SUPPRT	I wish to support this application. I am a regular user of the London Irish Centre and I think it does a wonderful job for the local Irish and London community. This proposed development would provide an opportunity to make more efficient use of the site, improve the community centre and provide an even better facility for the needs of the local, Irish and London communities.
2020/1481/P		02/06/2020 08:02:04	COMMNT	I am writing in support of the planning application for the redevelopment of the London Irish Centre. I have attended many events there, as have our members from the South East London community and we would like to continue to share and take part in the huge array of services provided by the London Irish Centre. This proposal will allow the team to expand on the already fantastic service provided to the community and further afield and will allow the London Irish Centre to reach out to a wider community and address critical needs in a professional and well organised manner as they have proven they can do over many years.
2020/1481/P	n	01/06/2020 20:48:57	SUPPRT	I fully support this application. The LIC has been a fantastic support to the vulnerable in our communities for many years and continues to identify ways that it can support those in need.
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 19:41:42	SUPPRT	I am writing in support of the planning application 2020/1481/P As Director of Content for the Museum of London I am aware of the immense importance that the Camden Irish Centre has played in post War London history. At a time when the Irish State was unwilling to acknowledge its responsibilities to the thousands of young Irish women and men who fled the depression and repression of 1950s Ireland it was the Camden Irish Centre that gave them support and direction. It sponsored two hostels for young Irish people, it provided an important place for the Irish community to meet away from the casual racism of everyday life and it affirmed the importance of Irish culture in a community which was looked down upon by much of the British state, In the ensuing decades the Centre changed as the community changed and it is really important that it now has an opportunity to change again to support the needs of the community today. The new development will allow the Centre to further develop it important social role but importantly for me it will also represent the richness of today's London Irish culture. London Irish culture today is nuanced, embraces diversity and is self confident. The new Centre will have space to showcase London Irish history and Culture, it will celebrate the history of the community and give voice to the next generation.
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 11:03:27	SUPPRT	I am the CEO at icap, a counselling service and partner agency of the London Irish Centre. I am also a regular visitor to the centre. I write in support of the application. The London Irish Centre provides crucial welfare services for the Irish community in London but their current ability to deliver such services is compromised by a building which is dated, inaccessible to some users, confusing due to the range of entrances and not fit for purpose. I consider that the proposed re-development will enhance the organisation's ability and capacity to provide vital services for the community. It is my opinion that the work of the London Irish Centre offers considerable public benefit to local residents and to the Irish community.

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2020/1481/P		02/06/2020 08:58:44	SUPPRT	<p>To whom it concerns:</p> <p>As a resident in the borough of Camden for the last 8 years I would like to extend my full support for the redevelopment of the London Irish Centre in Camden. It's a location which has served the Irish community exceptionally well for many years and intends to continue providing amazing local support to those less fortunate. The centre does need modernisation and I fully endorse their application to improve the facilities in question.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>
2020/1481/P		02/06/2020 08:37:18	SUPPRT	<p>The London Irish Centre has, for over fifty years, been at the heart of the Irish community right across London. I fully support their application for this development. I note that they have taken into account the views of local residents and have undertaken a full noise survey along with a comprehensive transport plan.</p> <p>I know from direct experience of events at the London Irish Centre how seriously they take noise control, especially at night and in my view have always been considerate of their local neighbours. I would urge the committee to pass this application as it will bring immense benefit to not just the London Irish community but Camden residents as a whole.</p>
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 23:04:34	SUPPRT	<p>The London Irish Centre was built 65 years ago and serves the community so well locally, especially now in times of crisis. They partner with Camden Council, local charities and other community organisations to support society needs, especially the most vulnerable providing a safe, humble environment. London Irish Centre also serves as a cultural hub with many plays, bands and comedy events. It's a special platform for travelling artists, especially those starting out in their career. However, the facility is out of date, not accessible and in need of modernisation in order to future proof and ensure a wider cross section of community and to ensure it becomes a self sustaining establishment. I support the renovation project and look forward to seeing the project begin.</p>

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2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 21:22:46	SUPPRT	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>London Irish Centre redevelopment</p> <p>As CEO of Irish in Britain, the national membership body for the Irish in community Britain, I am writing to offer our support for the planned redevelopment of London Irish Centre. This facility would be a fantastic cross community resource and an opportunity to enhance the reach and visibility of their welfare and support services.</p> <p>Irish in Britain leads on national mental and physical initiatives through our Greenhearts campaign and we have a long and close working association with the London Irish Centre, which has been a iconic service for the London Irish community for the last 60 years. This facility would enhance the the reach and scope of health promotion activity and provide tangible and effective support in this vital area of community health and welfare as well as providing a cultural hub for a pan London audience in arts, music, language and Irish cultural heritage in the context of a modern and diverse city. The plans enhance access and the range of services available - a huge asset for Camden and the wider London community.</p>
2020/1481/P		01/06/2020 18:59:56	NOBJ	<p>I support this application. The re-development of the site is long overdue, the access requirements need upgrading and the layout of the building needs streamlining as it is currently a confusion of many halls, access points and levels. The London Irish Centre is a vital facility for the Irish community, not only in London but in the surrounding boroughs. Many Irish pensioners use these facilities more than once a week, and travel a fair distance to get there. The centre has been criticised for not catering to the surrounding residents, however by the very nature of the centre it is designed to provide support to Irish cirtizens and Irish families living on London, who travel especially to make use of the facilities, so it is very well used and considered to be an essential community centre for the Irish Community.</p> <p>The renovation will provide much needed upgrade to facilities to help support the amazing work that the London Irish Centre provides. My family, Grandparents and extended family have used this Centre for many years and support this redevelopment. The London Irish Centre has been promoting Irish culture since the 1950's and provides essential support to Irish immigrants finding their way in London as well as a valuable life-line for the Irish Pensioners.</p>