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To: English, Rachel
Subject: 2020/2226/P and 2020/2606/L

Dear Ms English,

As residents of Fitzroy Square, My husband and I are writing to dispute the proposed plans for Northeastern University in Fitzroy Square.

The points of objection for us as a family with small children are as follows:

This would substantially increase the footfall and noise in our square. The university advertises that it is open until 10pm each evening. This is not acceptable for us to have such huge crowds of people milling about and making noise where our children sleep.

This is predominantly a residential square with a very personal feel. Where there are businesses in the square they are part of our community and we feel that bringing such a huge campus into our square with so many people would upset our harmony. Since we are a conservation area we do not want to upset the character of our square. The University would not be allowed to use our square for outside space and we are worried about where all of these students would congregate.

We also hear that Northeastern University have proposed erecting bike racks. They are proposing having 1000-1200 students at the university. Even if there were enough bike racks for 10% of the students , this would seriously impact on the aesthetics of the square.

We encourage local business but if the University were to go ahead it would force out independent companies from our square. These companies add to the flavour of our community such as the accountancy college that has been operating out of County House for many years. We understand that Camden Council actively encourage the use of office space as in Local Plan Policy E2. The University would amount to a loss of 5,600sqft of office space and we believe the council should act in the same regard as they do in the rest of the Borough to keep the office space as it stands.

The applicants have also described Fitzroy Square as the Knowledge Quarter. THIS NOT the case - this description relates to KINGS CROSS.

We vehemently oppose all planning applications for a University site in Fitzroy Square.

Yours sincerely,
Lauren and Gary Kemp