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To: Planning

**Subject:** FW: Planning Application – 2020/1739/P | Highgate Newtown Community Centre

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Thanks,

David

David Fowler Principal Planner



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David Fowler Principal Planning Officer London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square London N1C 4AG

3rd July 2020

## Dear Mr Fowler

Planning Application – 2020/1739/P - Highgate Newtown Community Centre Unit A, B, C, D & E - 25 Bertram Street London N19 5DQ

## - Objection to Approval of Demolition Management Plan

I am writing on behalf of our RTA to object to the published Demolition Management Plan. Please find in this email the comments of RTA (Recognised Tenants Association) 124 Croftdown Road ('Affected Receptors')

We are confused by the consultation process and the significant dates regarding this application to carry out demolition in a residential area prior to the building of luxury flats, and we are also unclear about the reason for going ahead with this.

Residents of Croftdown Road strongly object to the commencement of demolition works any time in the near future. It is unconscionable to bring builders and workmen into this residential area both from the point of view of spreading the virus and from the point of view of the disturbance and stress it will bring to residents which are very close to the demolition site, unable to escape the sustained noise, vibration, dust, fumes, lighting, site traffic and heavy vehicles (20 lorry-loads per day, or more? 6 days a week, for 3 months or more?) as outlined in the different versions of the M&M demolition plans. The noise level itself looks to be beyond the legal limit and we request more detail on this. The plan also mentions the possibility of hazardous emissions and rats fleeing to local homes. All of this is likely to impact on the health of local residents and make those who can, leave their homes at a time when transmission of the virus is not under control.

Even when lockdown itself ends there will still be the consequences and distress of the pandemic together with the economic devastation that will follow.

A second wave is likely in the next few months and it is unclear when this demolition would take place as June is clearly not possible.

We wonder why this scheme is going ahead at all in the current circumstances and whether investment in these luxury flats is still viable. The developer is the Council but the Council's first priority surely is the health and wellbeing of the community.

The consultation process has been inadequate. The demolition plan makes no mention of any measures to be taken to address the outbreak, and gives no indication of any consideration for this residential neighborhood; it doesn't even mention damage to the characteristic trees, hedges and pavements of this area. This plan was made before the onset of the pandemic. It is clearly out of date, poorly consulted, and inappropriate and needs to be reviewed.

Regards P Salazar RTA 124 Croftdown Road NW5 1HB

Cc Sir Keir Starmer