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2020/4619/P	Dr Roger Rear	18/11/2020 23:48:13	AMEND	<p>If possible, please could you correct the paragraph numbers on my recent comment (TRA objection 18/11/20) as due to a formatting error they do not run in sequence.</p> <p>Many thanks,</p>

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2020/4619/P	Dr Roger Rear	19/11/2020 18:54:23	OBJ	
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Dear Mr Dempsey,

I write to you on behalf of the Tenants and Residents Association for 236-244 Royal College Street, in order to state our objections to planning application 2020/4619/P, consisting of the proposed installation of 5G antennas and cabinets to the roof area of 242-244 Royal College Street.

Our objections are as follows:

- 1) The roof area where the proposed antennas and cabinet are to be installed is not secure and is subject to persistent antisocial and illegal behaviour from residents and non-residents. This includes criminal damage to secure doors and TV/Satellite antennas, graffiti, student parties, illegal drug dealing/use and theft. Access to the roof area cannot be secured as this is an established fire escape route between blocks 242 and 244. The roof area cannot be made exclusively accessible to our residents through use of a security card or similar, as this proposal has previously been rejected by Camden Council on fire safety grounds. The building itself is regularly accessed by non-residents using illegally obtained firemen's keys for the purpose of antisocial and illegal behaviour on the roof area. We are very concerned that the proposed antennas and cabinets will become an additional focus for vandalism, arson, criminal damage and theft, placing our residents at considerable risk and making this an unsuitable area for a proposed antenna and cabinet installation.
- 2) The building is currently included in an extensive programme of Major Works which will include complete renewal of the roof itself and the surrounding area. The project is currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic although we expect work to begin shortly after lockdown restrictions are lifted. We are very concerned that the installation of the antennas and cabinets will add further delay to our already severely delayed Major Works programme which was intended to be completed over 4 years ago. It is common practice for mobile network antennas and equipment to require lengthy regulatory applications for deactivation that would allow work to take place around the equipment. We would insist that a legal agreement is in place between Camden Council and the Antenna operator prior to planning approval, to prevent anticipated delays to the current and any future building work following installation.
- 3) Our residents frequently use the communal roof area for activities such as exercise, children's play, hanging washing, sunbathing and smoking. Although this area is not formally designated for these uses, resident access to the roof area cannot be restricted or policed. We require confirmation that the radio-emission calculations have taken into account any radio-emission exposure to residents who may inadvertently be in close proximity to the antenna for prolonged periods whilst using the roof area.
- 4) Radio-emission calculations for residents living under the proposed antenna installation locations have not been stated and we would insist that this data is made available to the TRA and the affected residents with an explanation of the potential risks.
- 5) Our residents have expressed keen interest in a future project to convert the roof area into a communal green space in line with the GLA's living roofs policy. We wish to know if the proposed application would adversely affect or restrict any such beneficial development in the future.
- 6) It is not clear whether the application for the antenna installation will be under temporary lease or as a permanent arrangement and we request clarification. We also seek clarification about whether any upgrades or extension of the antennas would require additional planning application.
- 7) It is unclear what route the electrical and data wiring for the antennas will require to reach ground level. The building already has numerous external wires that are both unsafe and unsightly, which will be reviewed as part of the Major Works programme. We require clarification on what plans are proposed to ensure the safety and minimal visual impact of any wiring travelling either internally or externally through the building.

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8) No consultation process has taken place involving our residents and Camden Council or the planning applicant, beyond a brief notification letter from Waldon and the subsequent planning application. The TRA responded in writing with our stated objections to the original notification letter on the 2nd of September 2020, but did not receive a response from Waldon. We are extremely disappointed that a full consultation did not take place, which would have provided an opportunity for all involved parties to discuss the potential implications of the application.

We refer to similar examples of poor communication and lack of engagement by Camden Council and Antenna operators regarding similar 5G antenna planning applications, as highlighted in a recent article in the Camden New Journal -  
<http://camdennewjournal.com/article/estates-are-left-in-the-dark-over-5g-roof-antennas>.

Yours Faithfully,

Dr Roger Rear  
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