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Dear Jonathan

Please could I submit a very late objection to application 2021/0025/P. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

I was shocked to hear that the developers were applying to to vary the affordable housing approved in the original scheme by reducing the offer to 18 Discount Market Rent units in the tower block and proposing all the affordable housing in the lower block become market housing).

The Inspector only gave permission for this scheme on an 'on balance' basis. Given the damage the scheme would cause to the local environment, the local conservation areas, local jobs, local diversity and sustainability, permission was granted because, on balance, the affordable housing offer, in the view of the inspector, outweighed the other harms caused.

There can be no doubt that with the reduced affordable housing offer, the scheme would not have been granted permission on appeal.

The developers have showed remarkable bad faith through this whole process. They have shown no regard for the local community. This attempt to reduce the affordable housing is an appalling slight of hand.

It has been become increasingly apparent that Essential Living have little intention of building the scheme and they have, contrary to their promises demolished the old building to leave the site fallow. It is time that the Council put pressure on the developers to give up the site to a developer (ideally Camden working with the local community) who could build something that would help, rather than hinder the local community, giving us the affordable family homes, jobs and green space, low rise sustainable scheme that we so desperately need.

Thank you in advance.

Sarah Howard