

Oh GOSH, No

The Planning Application for Great Ormond Street Hospital's (GOSH) major demolition and rebuilding project on Great Ormond St, to provide a new Children's Cancer Centre, has now been submitted to Camden Council and is open for comment or objection.

We've been in touch with many of the people on our list already but for some this will be our first contact. We're writing as the committee of a new group, the Residents and Business Liason Group, which we set up because GOSH's application is causing major concern in the area. This is a huge development and if it sticks to its timetable, it would take at least take 5 years to complete.

There's no doubt that the CCC would reinforce GOSH's reputation as one of the world's leading paediatric hospitals, but there are three big issues about the building they're planning, and the way they're planning to build it that are very alarming:

1. The bulk of the proposed new building: it would transform the street and overwhelm the older buildings opposite, many of them listed, meaning amongst other things, a major loss of natural light. These would be permanent effects.

2. The route to and from the site: the lorries would come in via Lamb's Conduit St, go along Gt Ormond St and exit via Boswell St. There would be 36 or so heavy demolition and cement lorries a day, one every 15 minutes, going down these narrow streets. Most Residents' Parking along the route would be lost, some trees, and pavements in Boswell St would probably have to be narrowed. This route would create serious hazards for pedestrians, especially children, and for other road users.

3. The alternative route: there is another possible route, linking the hospitals' Service Yard in Guilford St with Powis Place in Great Ormond St. GOSH are refusing to consider this route seriously saying it's unfeasible, so we're planning to engage independent structural engineers to test their claim.

Now that the Planning Application (2022/2255/P) has been registered with Camden we can tell the planners what we think about the scheme. Objections can be made very easily on the website. To see the application, go [here](#) and put 2022/2255/P into the Application Number line. Go to [Add Comments Here](#) to say what you think about the application. It says 'Comments Until 15-06-2022' and while it would be best to meet this date, the planners will accept comments right up to the day before the application goes to the Planning Committee for decision, which won't be before early August.

There is a mass of documentation about

the application [here](#), much of it very technical. To get a general view, click on Design and Access Statement, and for information about how the work would be done, click on Demolition and Construction Management Plan.

The grounds on which the Planning Committee can reject an application are quite precise, and it's best to have these in mind when making objections:

1. Loss of light or overshadowing.
2. Overlooking/loss of privacy.
3. Visual amenity (but not loss of private view)
4. Adequacy of parking/loading/turning.
5. Highway safety.
6. Traffic generation.
7. Noise and disturbance resulting from use.
8. Hazardous materials.

We will be in touch soon to give details of an open meeting about the Application that we're planning. In the meantime, two things:

1. Please tell neighbours, friends, and colleagues about GOSH's plans if you think they may not know about them, tell them how to object and ask them to contact us at residentsbusinessliasongroup@gmail.com so we can put them on our contact list
2. Our group needs more people to help: if you have any time to help, please let us know. We specially need someone with social media expertise, and volunteers

to distribute leaflets round the area.

Best wishes

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For the Residents and Business Liaison Group

**Don't miss out on your right to object:
say No to GOSH's destructive scheme**