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To the Development Management Team,
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I understand that the official date for comments on the Great Ormond Street redevelopment planning application (2022/2255/P) may have passed, but I hope you are still able to take our comments into consideration in your decision.

We are very understanding of the Hospital's needs for redevelopment and renewal, and we believe it is very important for GOSH to have a future at the heart of our community. However, we are very concerned about the plans proposed and its impact on the neighbourhood. Our concerns focus on two areas:

a) the scale of the rebuild and its encroachment on Great Ormond St. Public space. The proposed plans bring the already significant bulk of the hospital building forward and upwards on what is already a relatively narrow and congested street. In combination with the constant parking of large ambulances, support vehicles and taxis transporting patients (whose complex needs often make public transport inviable), this will have a significant and prejudicial effect on a residential street in the area. We are very disappointed that the plans have not taken into account improving access to the site for patients visitors and ambulances, which will continue to rely on and further congest a street that is already under considerable pressure.

b) we are also particularly worried about the impact of the construction plans, and the heavy traffic onto the site running through Lamb's Conduit St, Great Ormond Street and Boswell Street. This is a massive project, with significant traffic from very heavy plant and vehicles throughout the day.

It proposes to use as the main site access several densely packed residential streets, and streets with important local amenities - including the local supermarket, and of course compromising the access of local children and hospital patients to Coram's Fields. This will also have an enormous impact on several local businesses that are at the heart of the community - a popular pub (The Perseverance) and a café on the corner of Lamb's Conduit and Great Ormond Street; another historic pub at the bottom of Lamb's Conduit Street (The Lamb), alongside a restaurant and another café. All these rely heavily on outside seating which will be very affected for a period of several years.

The whole of Lamb's Conduit Street is also very important bicycle thoroughfare, used by hundreds of commuters daily. Heavy traffic - and particularly at the narrow and dangerous junction of Lamb's Conduit and Great Ormond Street - will be very disrupting and dangerous for cyclists with few other quiet routes through a busy London neighbourhood.

Making Lamb's Conduit St and Great Ormond St the heart of the community in this area south of Euston Road has taken years. GOSH's plans for a long and disruptive project stand to threaten this and leave this community with a larger hospital, but much poorer in other amenities.

It seems to us that it is imperative that alternative plans are explored - particular those using the Guildford Street entrance for construction traffic, since they would use a road that has virtually no local amenities and little residential use, so would be much less disruptive.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

With all best wishes

Pedro Ramos Pinto

