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Dear Patrick Marfleet

I have lived in the Lamb's Conduit St neighbourhood since 1973, since when there have been many changes in the environment and the way people live. was able to benefit from the many organisations provided by Camden, and many historic organisations set up to address the needs, and health and well-being of children. They underpin the social integration we all benefit from.

One thing that has not changed is the fact that the area has a very strong sense of community. This is in large part due to the fact that walking is the main means of getting about, and that we have a great number of community organisations and venues which bring people together.

If the GOSH proposal were to go ahead we would not be able, or want, to stop and chat with neighbours, sit outside our pubs and cafes and restaurants, allow children to go out on their own, or maintain the links which parents and carers have created and maintained at primary school and nursery gates and playgrounds.

The destruction period, the re-construction period, and the end result of all this work, would make being outdoors in the area very dangerous, and hideously noisy.

Community links would be much harder to foster in these circumstances, our much-valued green spaces would be intolerably noisy, and our streets and homes would have inadequate protection against the noise and vibration caused by main-road levels of traffic flow.

Our flat is directly behind the Zayed Centre for rare diseases in children so we have experienced something of a similar kind to the work being proposed by GOSH now.

To get to our green spaces - Coram's Fields, Brunswick Square, Queen Square, St George's Gardens, The Calthorpe Community Garden - would be very far far from the liberating, relaxing experience it is for children and their carers in this busy inner-city area.

I urge you to reject this planning application on the grounds of health and safely.

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