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Subject:

Application 2022/2255/P Great Ormond Street Hospital: Objections

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Dear Planning Department

I am writing to object to Application number 2022/2255/P by Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH).

I own a flat in Lamb's Conduit Street and live there as [REDACTED] who works from home in a room overlooking Lamb's Conduit Street.

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1. While I praise GOSH for its world-class contribution to children's medicine and would support its continuing to improve and expand, this should be done in a way which is sustainable. Is it not time for a reassessment of whether Bloomsbury is a suitable location for this hospital? It would make more sense for it to find a location which would enable it to continue to improve and grow over the coming decades.
2. The proposed new building is only the beginning of what GOSH will require to expand in the future. It is far too large and high to be appropriate in its surrounding area, which will be overwhelmed and cease to exist.
3. The Bloomsbury area has a character of its own, involving a mix of residential and commercial, artistic and educational endeavours. It has a range of buildings of historic interest and cultural importance. Many streets consist of small, eighteenth century houses. Commercial streets such as Lamb's Conduit Street consist of tiny shops and cafes with small residential flats above. Families, individuals and pensioners continue to live here alongside small businesses, students and medical workers. Small businesses in Lamb's Conduit Street include a pharmacy, funeral director, optician, dentist, GP surgery. This environment would soon cease to exist if GOSH continues to expand. Would it not be a pity to lose this inner-city diversity?
4. The new building will negatively impact on the lives of local residents and the livelihoods of the local businesses by:
 - ∞ causing loss of light and privacy to nearby homes and businesses;
 - ∞ increasing traffic congestion and air pollution;
 - ∞ adversely affecting residents of surrounding streets with horrendous noise from the construction, plant and construction traffic for at least 5 years or more;
 - ∞ adversely impacting safety of road users, cyclists and pedestrians.

I strongly urge that the current proposals are reconsidered and if any construction does go ahead, the route for construction traffic be altered and the hours for construction be restricted to 8.00 to 16.00 with very strictly limited exceptions.

Yours faithfully

Jenny Stevinson