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Dear Camden Council,

I am writing in support of planning application 2022/2255/P, the new Children's Cancer centre submitted to the London Borough of Camden.

I am the Head of UCL Genomics, based at the Zayed Centre for Research into Rare Diseases in Children (ZCR), a building designed to combine the expertise of GOSH and UCL as a building of excellence. The submitted application is a vision that is part of the next phase of the GOSH Masterplan following the successful opening of the ZCR in 2019.

On behalf of the entire team at UCL Genomics at ZCR, I fully support the plans to replace the existing frontage building and main entrance of the hospital on Great Ormond Street itself with this amazing new facility which is to include a cancer day centre, cancer wards, critical care facilities, new theatres and new machines for complex imaging. Allowing more provisions for patients, families and visitors from throughout the hospital, including the roof garden, I support this application wholeheartedly especially including the new hospital school, to support our inpatients who will be able to continue their education and maintain their academic progress despite being in hospital.

As with the ZCR, the new centre will allow GOSH and their partners to pioneer research and rapidly move from bench to bedside with new and innovative treatments and will no doubt serve as a national resource for children with rare and difficult-to-treat cancer and I fully support this application.

Kind regards

Mark

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