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To: David Fowler
Subject: O2 Centre - ref 2022/0528/P

Dear David

As Vice-Chairman of CRASH (Combined Residents' Associations of South Hampstead) I have naturally reviewed - in both early drafts and the final document - the objection to Landsec's plans for the O2 Centre lodged by the Confederation of Local Community Groups and concur with all the reasons given for rejection of the current proposals.

I agree that the large car park at the centre is under-utilised and should be put to better use (housing etc) but the communities of Hamstead, West Hampstead and South Hampstead deserve something better - a great deal better - than Landsec's grotesque Soviet-era tower blocks.

I am also concerned at the planned demolition of the current O2 Centre - a nearly-new building. "Our throwaway culture is one of the key reasons that UK construction has such an appalling carbon footprint. The planning system could make re-use of existing buildings the default." [The Architects' Journal]. Retrofitting is the answer, not demolition.

I OBJECT to the application 2022/0528/P and urge Camden to reject the current proposals.

Kind regards

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