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Dear sir

Development of Highgate Road

I write this to object in the strongest possible terms regarding the application for a variation to the planning permission for this development.

The application is by no means a small variation to the existing plan. The original planning permission is staggering in its size for the area and for the significant change it will make to the area. We are extremely surprised it was granted in the first place, however whilst was back in 2014 I urge you please to refuse the requested increase in the size and height of the development.

The increase in height will have a huge impact on all the houses in the vicinity on Highgate Road, Burghley Road, The Maple Building, The Greenwood centre, and the area as a whole.

The development as a whole will only have a negative effect upon the area. It will benefit the developer and not Kentish Town. Developers almost invariably try to extend the planning permission having used their original application as a Trojan Horse for a larger plan, this insidious trick is being used again here.

This trick has been clearly dismissed within the Hillside ruling (Hillside Parks Ltd v Snowdonia National Park Authority [2020]) and any variation to the permission will elicit a challenge which will be costly and time consuming for all parties.

I have to admit to being very surprised that GM London are seeking a variation to their permission as when our lawyers wrote to them earlier this year to seek clarification of their plans they stated very clearly, and in writing, that their intention was to develop in line with planning permission 2013/5947/P. We have e-stopple on this now.

Given the last 2 paragraphs allow for two very clear challenges we can make, and will not be shy about doing so, it is in everyone's interest for this variation to be turned down.

One final point as regards the initial development. I cannot understand why the higher step of the development is to the north side. The apartments on that side will overlook the Maple Building and the Maple Building will overlook them. Surely it would be far more sensible for the high aspect of the development to have been at the south side where the apartments overlook the generally empty Church and Forum. This would have impacted less of Highgate Road, Burghley Road and the Maple Building. It would reduce the impact of the building and made those apartments more desirable.

Please do not grant this extension which detracts from the area and the residents. This application for extension serves only to enrich the developer. So many should not be made to suffer purely for the gain of GM London.

Yours Sincerely

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