
Subject: FW: GOSH consultation 2022/2255/P



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Dear Patrick, I hope you are well.

Following another meeting with the GOSH CCC Team I wish to submit a further objection, and a plea that Camden urgently commission several reviews, such as a business impact review on businesses in Lambs Conduit Street, Rugby Street, Great Ormond Street, and Boswell Street, if the proposed construction route were to go ahead.

For some reason I have been unable to submit this online this time so include the full text below.

I look forward to your confirmation that this has been received and submitted. Best, Gillian

9 October, 2022

Dear Camden Planners,

I write with further [REDACTED] and objections to planning application 2022/2255?P as follows:

At 5.30pm on the 6th of October I was invited along with several other local residents to meet with the CCC team from GOSH. This included their CEO Matt Shaw. We explained to them that we want them to have the best facilities possible but that this must not be accomplished by wiping out our entire very loved neighbourhood.

We asked them why their original master plan had not included consultation with locals and they could not answer this. We asked them whether they had reviewed their need in terms of whether it would be better-served in a location that can more easily accommodate continued expansion and they told us that this idea had been dismissed without being reviewed. We asked them

whether they had considered acquiring large sites close by such as the old St. Martins building and they told us this would be too far from the main campus. We believe such a review should have been undertaken and ask that they do so now if, as it seems, they cannot deliver their scheme without destroying our neighbourhood.

A neighbour who is a barrister then spoke. She told the GOSH team that she has spoken to almost 100 neighbours all of whom are distressed/very upset at the details unveiled in the planning application. She asked why the GOSH team had made so little effort to inform those in the neighbourhood of plans. I then explained that while I was one of the handful of people who were informed and were trying to cooperate with GOSH in order to produce ideas more conducive to neighbourhood cohesion in terms of architecture, health, business maintenance and general well-being, that this had been ignored. Needless to say, we were trying to inform neighbours but our networks were not as good as they are now.

The overall message here is that GOSH seems to believe they have engaged fulsomely with the local community but that clear information about their intentions came very late to most people here. For a demolition and build of this size we believe they should have tried harder to engage. This said, even now, the GOSH team seems unable to hear concerns expressed by the local community, or indeed to take them on board. And Tuesday's meeting, as so many before it, felt like yet another tick box exercise.

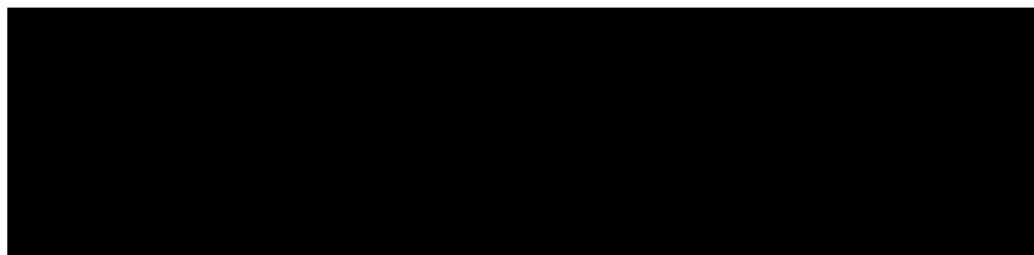
Towards the end of the evening, we came on to the potential threats to local business. Those at GOSH said they thought that the five or so year construction plan offers businesses an opportunity for extra customers in the form of builders, and that they did not accept that our businesses are under threat. I mentioned that the business I rent my shop to is an antique jewellery gallery and Matt admitted this would not benefit from above. We all came away with the strong impression that those at GOSH who are making decisions have very little understanding of the types of businesses here. Is it possible for us to jointly tour the street/area? Is it also possible for Camden to commission a review on likely impact to businesses on Lambs Conduit, Rugby Street, Great Ormond and Boswell Streets due to disruption from the suggested construction management plan?

Finally, they did also mention that certain local businesses support them. We then found the letter of support below from the Brunswick Centre. It's important to point out that even taking the most direct walking-only route from the centre to GOSH is approximately four blocks and that the Brunswick centre is not on the direct proposed construction management path and will not be adversely affected in any way. I also ask that Camden consider that the Brunswick Centre which is trying to smarten it's shopping experience would directly benefit from the demise of Lambs Conduit Street as a shopping destination. Such vested interests and lack of immediate proximity must surely be considered.

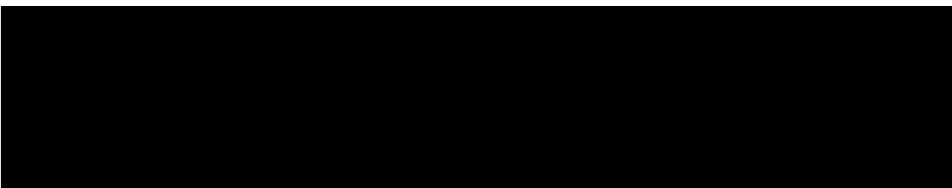
Finally, there was much discussion about how the three original designs shown in early consultations were all far less detrimental in terms of over-looking, and also in terms of not over-whelming the historic nature of the street/area. I suspect that the hospital being asked not to include the Paul O'Gorman building in their plans (by Camden) has led to something far worse. Is there an option to revert to earlier plans while keeping the frontage of the Paul O'Gorman building? Might this also be reviewed?

I thank you and hope you will commission suggested reviews among other things.

My very best, Gillian



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