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Dear Sofie,

## Juniper Building, Chalk Farm Road

We write regarding the proposals for the Juniper Building on the Morrisons PFS site which was recently submitted to LB Camden for approval. We wish to set out our support for the proposals.

We note that the planning application continues to include the youth space at the western end of the site with the same area which is welcomed. We note also the proposed removal of the existing approved replacement petrol filling station. We consider this a significant improvement and benefit to the youth space which is currently immediately adjacent to a petrol tanker bay for unloading fuel to the petrol filling station divided by a wall. Removing the potential for petrol fumes and HGV movements in close proximity to the youth space is clearly to be welcomed alongside an additional retail unit next to the space which young people could an use.

The revised design includes extending the Juniper Building slightly towards the youth space providing a wall with better opportunities for accommodating activities such climbing, hosting youth events or green walls. In our experience bringing the building closer to the youth space also will also provide natural surveillance creating a better sense of safety and deterring anti-social behaviour, which are key in ensuring the space is successful.

Castlehaven is a thriving community association in the heart of Camden Town providing a variety of community activities and opportunities for people of all ages including young people, cultures, abilities and backgrounds. We would welcome the opportunity to work up proposals for the youth space with St George and local community groups using our experience working with young people, to maximise the opportunities of the youth space.

Kind regards.

