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Dear Planning department

The Bloomsbury Residents Action Group [BRAG] was formed in 2016 to remind decision-makers that a very large number of permanent residents live in South Camden, an area which may be described as 'mixed use' and "Central London" but where residents fight hard to retain a good quality of life - despite the many proposals by developers who do not live locally and whose intention is (obviously) far from philanthropic. Compromise is to be wished for, but more often than not, commercial aspirations win over logic and common sense.

BRAG is supporting the Bloomsbury Association's detailed response to Central London Investments Limited' latest proposals regarding The Underground Hotel in Great Russell Street.

There is a key principle at stake. The plans are NOT those that were presented at the start of the planning process for this site. We understand there are to be more rooms and therefore occupants; there are a reduced number of lifts to one (despite the desire for additional occupants).

The Hotel may be located underground, but the day to day management of the hotel will have a significant impact at street level, especially in terms of servicing.

The conditions for which change is sought should remain in place to safeguard the public interests.

The Council's Planning department needs to remember that "Residents' matter" and we therefore object to the application under s73 - which should be refused.

Kind regards

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