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Objection to planning application for The Former NIMR, The Ridgeway, NW7 1AA, Ref: 18/6893/NMA (Non-material amendment to planning permission 16/4545/FUL)

Dear Sir or Madam,

Request to speak at Committee

I am writing to object to the above application in my capacity as London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden. Specifically, for a change in the permitted route for ALL lorries to and from the site.

There are 2 existing Gates on The Ridgeway - Almost 100% of the current traffic uses Gate B, ingress and egress. Barratts do not use Gate A as I understand that they want to start advertising their properties and works traffic would create an unfavorable image. As a result Barratts wish to use a temporary entrance (Gate C) on Burtonhole Lane as one of the primary gates for construction traffic.

The use of the new "temporary" Gate C, adjacent to the Barratt marketing suite will bring more traffic, noise, dust and pollution to the residents of Burtonhole Lane, Eleanor Crescent and Hill View. It will also require extremely difficult maneuvers for HGVs turning left out of Burtonhole Lane. This turn in any vehicle from the former NIMR side of Fir Island is inexplicable, HGV's attempting this will inevitably cause gridlock to traffic and hasten the destruction of the grass verge.

The revised route takes traffic off the Ridgeway, away from St. Vincents, St. Pauls, Grimsdell, Mill Hill, Belmont, Belmont Farm, Mill Hill County, Goodwyns, Etz Chaim, Dollis, Cophall, Orion and Bright Little Stars schools, all of whom have been on the muck and supply lorries various routes, this is to be supported.

However the revised Traffic Management Plan will only continue the comprehensive pollution of Mill Hill and its surrounds by gridlock, emissions, dust and mud. Since the very first day of the demolition and development, the trucks servicing the site have been comprehensively spreading their myriad pollutants, throughout the extended neighbourhood.

Barratts have apparently described the CEMP as a guideline document only and have treated it accordingly, seeming to have shown no intention of fulfilling many of the protocols (such as the soft stripping of buildings) designed to protect the public.

Indeed, the existing and revised CEMP is fundamentally flawed as it fails to recognize the existence of local residents or Finchley Nurseries.

I therefore call on officers to reject this application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Dismore". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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