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Objection to planning application for Colindale Station And 167 - 173 Colindale Avenue and Flats 1- 6 Agar House, Colindale Avenue, London, NW9 5HJ, NW9 5HR, Ref: 19/0859/OUT

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the above application in my capacity as London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden.

Whilst I do not object to the principle of development here, or the aim to utilise receipts from the development to fund improvements to increase the capacity of Colindale station, I do have detailed objections to the application.

I consider this to be an overdevelopment of the site. The area around Colindale station has seen a massive increase in population, the Pulse development, the former British Library Newspaper Collection, the Peel Centre, Beaufort Park and the Grahame Park regeneration. The proposed 29-storey tower will be larger than anything nearby. The next nearest tall buildings of that height are in West Hendon, over a mile away.

313 units on a small site also represents over-densification of this site. which will have an impact on local services, such as health and education, which are already undersupplied.

There is inadequate parking provision. Being sited next to and on top of a station does not mean all those who live there will solely use public transport. The Council has made this mistake in all the above developments, which is why Colindale has had to establish a CPZ. This area is now completely saturated with cars and parking is already extremely difficult.

It is not clear to me where there is amenity space in the scheme. Montrose Playing Fields are not accessible from the Colindale side, and Colindale Park is extremely small, given the number of developments which identify it as their residents' amenity space.

I therefore urge the Council to refuse this application and to work with TfL to support a more modest plan which does not exacerbate the already serious overdevelopment around Colindale.

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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