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#### **Objection to planning application for Land Formerly Known As British Gas Works Albert Road New Barnet Barnet EN4 9SH, Ref: 20/1719/FUL**

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

I would like to start off by questioning the accuracy of the Design and Access Statement, which shows a number of local rail stations in their diagrams, such as New Barnet but with London Underground roundels, which is misleading and designed to give the impression of better accessibility than there actually is at this location.

Secondly, it is disappointing that a completely new scheme has been submitted after the extensive public consultation work to draw up the first plan, which had public support.

Turning to the grounds for objection to this scheme, my first objection is to the unacceptable height of this scheme, with one block reaching 10 storeys. This is completely out of keeping with the East Barnet area, which is a community typified by low rise family homes. Permission for a 10 storey development would set an unwelcome precedent of extending high rise buildings from Station Road west of the railway line to the east of it, which area has a very different character.

Secondly the density, which had already been increased two years ago, is being substantially further increased now. This is unacceptable and will place severe stress on local infrastructure and parking.

Thirdly, the design is completely out of keeping with the area. These plans are not, as is claimed in the DAS, "Edwardian like". They are the usual generic high rise design, with no local features whatsoever.

Whilst I welcome the increase in provision of affordable housing from 18% to 35%, this is the bare minimum. The previous scheme with only 18% affordable housing was approved by the previous Mayor of London who had no interest in delivering affordable housing. r.

Therefore I would urge officers and members 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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