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**Objection to planning application for Crown Honda, Hyde Estate Road, London, NW9 6JX, Ref: 20/3906/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.

This is another unacceptable planning application, for an overly dense and tall development on the A5, next to three other huge developments.

Three skyscrapers of 20 to 24 storeys is far too high, and in conjunction with other proposed tall buildings in the area will lead to a tunnelling effect along the A5, a straight road dating back to Roman times. It creates an overbearing appearance for the street scene.

470 units on a small footprint is too dense. This will put tremendous pressure on local services, such as the already overburdened bus network. Local schools are already oversubscribed, as are local GPs. Local infrastructure cannot cope.

There is a lack of parking in this development. We know that other large developments in this area tend to be occupied by families, not single people, given the relative affordability of these properties. These families tend to be car owners, for which there is no parking available, which will put pressure on neighbouring roads.

The mix of units is also unacceptable. The borough has a great need for family sized homes, which are not provided here. There is also insufficient affordable housing, falling well below the 50% target for which the borough should be aiming.

For all of the above reasons, this planning application should be refused.

Yours sincerely,

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