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Objection to planning application for Former Homebase site, 679 High Road, London, N12 ODA Ref: 20/3823/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 application is unacceptable for a number of reasons and I urge officers to reject the proposals entirely. Further, I urge the council to come up with a planning brief for this site to ensure any development here is appropriate.

Starting with the design of the scheme, 9 storey buildings are too high in the context of the surrounding roads, especially around Christchurch Avenue. Whilst there is a tall building on Kingsway, it affects very few residents, whereas the proposed buildings will overlook neighbours and give an overbearing appearance. They are also too close to neighbouring properties.

The density on site is also unacceptable, with 307 properties proposed. This may lead to 1,000 extra residents in a part of the borough with limited capacity to increase infrastructure and public services, such as school places and GPsurgeries.

The design provides only extremely limited amenity space for such a large development, with most unusable to the general public and of limited value to residents themselves, being mostly very close to the flats.

The parking situation locally will also worsen as a result of this development, as the parking in the Homebase car park is lost, while the addition of 307 properties will lead to yet more displaced parking onto very busy neighbouring street.s

For all these reasons I object to this scheme.

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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