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Objection to planning application for Land Adjacent To Finchley Memorial Hospital Granville Road North Finchley London N12 0JE, Ref: 20/4343/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.

I believe this application is not appropriate given the promises made at the time of the rebuilding of Finchley Memorial Hospital into its current building, which guaranteed the fields being kept for the benefit of local residents.

The green space that currently exist is well used and valued by local residents, given its close proximity to North Finchley, and benefits a large number of local residents, especially those near the A1000, for whom Victoria Park and Glebelands Nature reserve are further away. Given the substantial development proposed for the North Finchley Homebase site, which contain very little green space for 300 flats, the retention of this green space is paramount.

The design in the application does not provide a benefit to local residents, as the green space around these blocks will not provide a benefit to anyone other than the occupants of the block, as past experience shows these kinds of green spaces are unused, and serve only to create distance between blocks.

It is also not clear to me that the application can retain the status of flats as key worker housing, or that these conditions cannot be changed in practice, so I therefore object that the conditions placed in this application are insufficient to protect the intentions and promises of the applicants. It isn't clear what would happen to these flats should occupants cease to be key workers for example.

This scheme also does not seem to have adequate parking provision, nor any plan to manage noise and disturbance. Given the long distances from this site to tube stations, this ought to be a consideration.

The proposed building design is considerably higher than other properties or flats on Granville Road, and will overlook the family sized Victorian terraces of Bow Lane. These designs should reflect the local architectural history and design.

With all the above in mind, I therefore object to this application, and ask officers to recommend refusal on the current plans.

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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