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#### **Objection to planning application for Land Fronting St Andrew's Road And Portsdown Avenue Golders Green London NW11 0PJ, Ref: 20/5616/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 on the following grounds:

The change of use of the site would be a detriment to the wider community. The Planning Statement attached to the application fails to acknowledge that while use of the tennis club has declined, the site historically has been in community use for a number of years and is an established use in the local area. During this year many residents have expressed a wish to use the tennis courts. The area is already deficient in open space and the proposals will increase the tight urban grain in the area and re-allocate space to private residential use. An alternative community use could be sought for the entire site to serve the wider public rather than shift to private home ownership.

The London Borough of Barnet's design policies (DM01) require all new developments to be of high-quality design which "should preserve or enhance local character." The proposal fails to do either of these points and if allowed, would be highly detrimental to the character of the area. The proposals ignore the existing housing typology and symmetrical form which characterises properties on St Andrew's Road and Portsdown Avenue.

I therefore hope that this application will be refused.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Dismore".

Andrew Dismore AM  
London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden