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Petition to Oppose the Allocation of the Constable House Play Area for Use as a Gypsy and Traveller Site

To: Councillor Callahan and Camden Council (planningpolicy@camden.gov.uk) and Camden councillors and Camden Council.

From: The Residents of Bridge House, Constable House, and the Surrounding Community

We, the undersigned, strongly oppose the proposed allocation of the play area adjacent to Constable House for use as a Gypsy and Traveller site.

This area currently serves as a vital community space for local families, children, and residents, and we believe that its removal would cause irreversible harm to the wellbeing, safety, greening, social cohesion and character of our neighbourhood.

Our Objections Are Based on the Following Grounds:

1. **Loss of a vital public amenity:** The play area is the only safe outdoor space for children and families from Constable House.
2. **Loss of vital green infrastructure:** Its removal would remove a vital local lung, in breach the Camden Local Plan policies protecting open and recreational space and green ecological assets.
3. **Environmental and structural safety risks:** The land is known to have ground instability and water table issues, including past structural failures at Constable House.
4. **Increased traffic and infrastructure strain:** The area already suffers from congestion, and additional traffic would endanger pedestrians and worsen emergency access. There is already a large current new development being constructed on the site surrounding Chalk Farm Station.
5. **Loss of community cohesion and safety:** Local residents already have the manage the intrusions as recently reported to police at Bridge House. The impact of an itinerant community will exacerbate the practical and stressful challenges of keeping existing residential properties safe and secure.
6. **Lack of community consultation:** Residents have not been properly informed nor consulted, contrary to the Council's responsibilities under local governance law.
7. **Adverse impact on residential amenity and property values:** The proposed alteration in the character of the area and reduction in quality of life would significantly impact on the value of properties in which people have invested, limiting their ability to move as their life circumstances change.

We request that Camden Council reconsider this proposal and retain the play area for continued public use or explore alternative sites that do not compromise existing residential infrastructure and wellbeing.

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