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Dear Sirs

Planning Application HGY/2024/0871 Tennis Club, Southern Road, N2

I have lived in Cherry Tree Road for some 40 years, and was a member of the tennis club for many of them. I am shocked at the proposed depredation of a much valued local amenity, and its effect on the local community and present and future club membership.

The proposed **felling of trees** and **removal of open green communal space** is a serious loss to the local community as well as to club members and visitors, with an adverse impact on physical and mental wellbeing. Visitors and ex members will no longer be able to participate in the social gatherings that have helped to combat loneliness and depression.

The proposed **apartment block is overbearing** in its height and footprint – it would be detrimental to the local landscape and severely impact on the openness of the site and surroundings. The architecture is totally out of keeping with surrounding homes.

Insufficient parking space for the homes onsite will inevitably lead to difficulties and acrimony in Cherry Tree Road outside the L.B.Barnet CPZ hours. Evenings and weekends are already difficult there, without having to cater for additional residents' vehicles, tradesmen and deliveries. The promised turning circle isn't provided on site and vehicles may well have to reverse into Cherry Tree Road risking safety.

Access via Cherry Tree Road would mean crossing the privately-owned boundary strip to the site, which does not seem to be acknowledged on the plans. The strip has been strictly adhered to by the club over decades, to the extent of moving all bags of shale by hand. Will the developer simply ride rough shod over it and apologise afterwards?

I hope the plans can be scaled back to reflect the height of local feeling. The club is in good shape and plays an important role in meeting national and local green and physical/mental health targets.

Yours sincerely

S. Louden (Mrs