

**BARRACKS OPPOSITION GROUP**  
**In Association with THE BELGRAVIA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**102 Easton Terrace, London, SW1W 8UG**

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Councillor xxxxxxxxxxxx  
City of Westminster Council  
City Hall  
64 Victoria Street  
London SW1E 6QP

Dear Councillor xxxxxxxx

Chelsea Barracks Development by Candy and Candy

It has come to our attention that there are some members of the Westminster City Council (WCC) who are totally unaware of the huge groundswell of Westminster Residents and businesses vehemently against the current plans proposed for the Chelsea barracks site.

We are writing to you so that you are fully informed as a member of the council that this high-density tower block design is unacceptable; not least because of the oppressive height of the flats and the permanent shadow that it will cast over the surrounding area, but primarily because there are absolutely no facilities that will construe of any form of community whatsoever.

There is no provision for green open spaces, schools, medical and dental, policing, supermarkets, dry cleaners and other community amenities. The current roads are inadequate for the influx of new vehicles; key worker trade vehicles (at night) and daytime delivery and service vehicles as there are no new roads proposed. There is totally inadequate parking for the “affordable” housing.

The design has no empathy with the district and has no resonance with either the Peabody flats or the early Victorian architecture on the northern and eastern boundaries.

The 13.5 acres is akin to building a new village, only this proposed design has no infrastructure and as Kit Malthouse from the GLA stated the design looks like a “nuclear power plant and a glass and steel office complex”

**As representatives of the rate payers we think that it is important that you are fully aware of the general opinion of your Westminster residents.**

This is a unique London site and the developer's design flies in the face of the guidelines that were set out in the WCC Planning Brief which would have enhanced our community and our borough.

We have attached a picture of the proposed plan to refresh your memory and included a flyer which sets out all the reasons that residents, businesses and visitors do not want this design.

The Planning committee are meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> September so please make your ward members thoughts known to them.

We thank you for your consideration and support

Yours sincerely,

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