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I am writing to you in response to a planning notice that I saw fixed on a lamp post outside No 1 Prah Road in Finsbury Park. It looks as if this is one of the sites that has been identified for possible for new housing, workshops, etc,

I live very close by in [REDACTED]. This site has been left to rot over the last three years or so and before that had been decaying slowly over the last 15 years or more. I have lived in [REDACTED] for over 40 years. When we first moved here it was called the Conservative Club, and seemed to be open mainly when Arsenal was playing and where older men met for a drink.

It fell into disuse and was sold by auction around three years or more ago to what is I think a property company. It was briefly squatted and I think the owners then moved in guardians to occupy it. Since then, the surrounding 'garden' has become a focus for anti-social behaviour, not only in the evening but in daylight as well.

The behaviour that I have seen includes: open drug dealing and taking drugs including smoking crack, with groups of men hanging around for ages on the pavement, men urinating in full view, rough sleepers at various time and use as a place for prostitutes.

When I approached one of the owners who I saw there one day and complained about the state of the building, he replied that the council was not being very helpful to them. I can only suppose that they tried to get planning permission for some unsuitable scheme and were refused.

I have twice phoned planning myself because the high wall in front of the garden is dangerous, with very deep cracks all along. It is a danger for pedestrians if a part of the wall collapses. Opposite this eyesore in Prah Road is a wonderful Council development next to Vaudeville Court that houses people in lovely flats, with their own front gardens and is a development to be really proud of. It would be great if this horrible slum, which does no one any good and adds to the problems that we have in Finsbury Park, could be used for a similar development.

I hope to have a reply to my letter.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]