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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Homeless Hub Hyde Park

Good evening

I would like to express my concerns about the potential location of the new homeless hub in Hyde park.

Please reconsider this site location.

This is a family friendly area with a popular toy store, and many prominent businesses which would be severely negatively affected by this decision.

Furthermore, this location does not have the opportunity for these people to transition into a more healthy and productive lifestyle.

My suggestion would be areas where they could get back to nature so they can get back on their feet. Some place with a large enough green space, grounds, and trees etc.

People in their circumstances need most to be reconnected with nature and also to feel productive throughout the daytime. This could allow them to grown a community garden and have their own space and sense of community. Give them space where they can be themselves without being on display.

I am sure there is lots of shame attached to everyone seeing you struggle in public.

They deserve to keep their dignity and having people and children have to step over them on the streets of the city does not do that.

When I think of spaces in the London area that would be ideal, the corner of Oxford and Highbury or the old McCormicks building (which does not have green space I realize but is right downtown and a huge space to work with).

Locations like these would have the most benefits to the homeless and struggling and also the least negative impacts on families, students, businesses, and local communities.

I thank you for taking the time to read this and I sincerely hope it helps to redirect these types of locations for the obvious reasons stated.

Sincerely

Laurie Derbyshire