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Dear Matt,

15 Chandler Street, Wapping – Application number PA/24/01545/NC
Change of use to a Substance Misuse Recovery Centre with associated internal alteration

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern about the above planning application. I am replying as this falls within my ministerial responsibilities.

The planning application is still being considered by Tower Hamlets Council. It will be for the Council to consider the proposal taking account of all relevant information and all representations received. Therefore, if you have not done so already, you may wish to make your concerns known to the Council

I hope you will understand that we cannot comment further as to do so may prejudice the role of the Secretary of State should the application be referred to her or should an appeal be made against a refusal of permission.

As you may be aware, Ministers appointed inspectors on 22 February 2024 to undertake a Best Value inspection of Tower Hamlets Council's compliance with its Best Value Duty. Ministers have received the independent Best Value inspection team's report and this is being considered carefully. Any next steps will be set out in due course.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government