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Community Asset of Value: Nomination of The People's Gospel Mission Hall, Localism Act 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

Pursuant to the Localism Act 2011, we, the Save the Gospel Mission Hall Community group – an unincorporated body of 21 locally registered residents – hereby nominate The People's Gospel Mission Hall building on Winscombe Street N19, to be listed on the Camden Council register of Community Assets of Value.

We, the undersigned, nominate the original building and annex **as marked on the attached drawings of the site**. The original building, which dates from 1892 consists of the community hall along with the incorporated kitchen facilities, toilets, recording studio and projection loft.

The community assets as described above are owned by Camden Council and are currently used by the Fresh Youth Academy with some additional use by Highgate Newtown Community Centre.

The assets have been in use continuously for over 100 years as a community space. Initially a chapel where religious services were attended, for the last half century the hall has provided exercise classes and fitness training for all ages from teenagers to over 80s; educational seminars; and a wide range of drama, music and dance performances, rehearsals and workshops. From its beginnings it has been a venue for significant community gatherings with many of its activities including people who would otherwise be isolated and lonely.

The hall boasts some of the finest natural acoustic architecture in the borough making it unique in the ward and for many miles around as a place for musical and spoken word recitals. Internationally and locally renowned musicians have praised the Mission Hall's unique acoustic quality (letters attached). The Mission Hall is hugely popular, highly valued and a live campaign to save it currently has over 800 signatories.

As local residents, registered on the Camden electoral register we seek to exercise our rights as defined by the Localism Act 2011, acting as an unincorporated body of 21 local community members and nominate this asset to the Camden list.

Yours sincerely,
Save the Gospel Mission Hall Community Group

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