

25/02161/FUL Statement on the Christ's College Library Proposal.

Councillor Delowar Hossain, King's Hedges Ward.

As councillor for King's Hedges, I represent residents who depend on Christ's Lane to reach the city centre. Many use this lane as a key part of their journey from the north of Cambridge, connecting them to public transport and the city's heart.

Christ's Lane is a designated pedestrian route, valued for its openness, daylight, and safety. These qualities make it welcoming and encourage foot traffic. The current proposal, however, introduces a tall, 14-metre facade that would create a "canyon effect," overshadowing the lane in the late afternoon and making it feel less safe and inviting.

We appreciate Christ's College's ambition for a new library, but it must not come at the cost of the public realm. The design should enhance both the College and the city, preserving the lane's character and ensuring it remains a vibrant, safe space for everyone.

Let's work together to achieve a design that serves the academic community and the public alike, ensuring Christ's Lane remains a cherished part of Cambridge for all.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Delowar Hossain

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