**Dear Camden Planning**

**Planning Application for a Ferris Wheel at Camden Lock Market (reference 2022/3853/P)**

I amwriting to object to the planning application for a 40-metre-high Ferris Wheel which will turn the densely packed Camden Market into an all-year-round ‘Theme Park’, similar to ‘Winter Wonderland’ in Hyde Park. It will attract tens of thousands more visitors every week with associated crime, litter and anti-social behaviour.

I would like to make the following points:

1. **The area cannot handle more visitors**

Camden Market is already a very busy tourist destination, attracting 27 million visitors a year. The proposed Ferris Wheel will increase this number dramatically, putting huge strain on local roads and public transport. I fear that it will be difficult to manage the numbers of extra visitors in such a small, confined space which would quickly become overcrowded. Already at the weekend, the number of visitors is huge and it is often difficult to use the pavements safely.

I note that the Metropolitan Police say, *“The installation of this attraction will increase visitor numbers and this in turn will increase potential crime levels within this area,”* and *“The top crimes for this area involve theft from person. Persons forming a queue for this attraction will be vulnerable to pickpockets.”*

1. **Harmful impact on Listed Buildings and the Conservation Area**

The proposed 40-metre-high Ferris Wheel would have a harmful impact on the six Grade II Listed warehouse buildings in the Regent’s Canal Conservation Area. The proposed wheel will have a harmful impact on the significance and setting of numerous heritage assets, particularly the Grade II Interchange Warehouse and the Regent’s Canal Conservation Area.

1. **Loss of privacy; no benefits for residents**

I am very concerned that Ferris Wheel users will be able to look directly into neighbouring flats and will interfere with the privacy of neighbouring buildings.

The proposed increased number of boats going into Dead Dog Basin would also increase noise and pollution for nearby residents.

In conclusion, Camden Lock Market does not need the proposed 40-metre-high Ferris Wheel; it is very successful already and Camden Lock is not a part of London that needs regenerating. The Ferris Wheel is simply a commercial venture that has no planning rationale.

Camden Lock Market is also a generator of noise, rubbish and anti-social behaviour and has developed over the past few years into a place avoided by residents. The proposed Ferris Wheel make matters considerably worse and I urge the Planning Committee to refuse planning permission.

Yours

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