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To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application - 2022/3853/P - OBJECTION

To whom it may concern,

I have only just been made aware of the planning proposal and am alarmed that more has not been done to make Camden residents aware of its existence.

I am writing to object to this proposal. The area around Camden market area has undergone many major changes in recent years at great detriment to local traders and residents. The majority of these new projects (Boxpark, the renewed canal-side food market, and the market at Hawley Wharf seem to have produced considerably less footfall than the small, independent traders they drove out and residents certainly frequent these areas considerably less than before the redevelopment of the area. Conversely the area this proposal concerns is already enjoying strong footfall and tourism.

It's important to bear in mind that Camden Market enjoys a reputation for being rich in music and culture. This is not to be attributed to commercial projects or theme-park concepts but instead to its rich history. Continually changing the face of the area is making the remaining elements of that history unrecognisable. The proposed giant Ferris Wheel is going to have an obvious significant impact on residents within the vicinity - any glance at aerial photography of the area will reinforce that there will be very little view to look at other than into nearby windows.

There are frequent disruptions to Canal life and the local community caused by construction projects of late and the local skyline has been significantly impacted by new high-rise buildings over the past 4 years, including a number of supposedly "protected viewing corridors".

Let us also recognise that this is not an area of Camden in need of rejuvenation as Coal Drops Yard was. It is already a vibrant and attractive site, what it needs is more independent, small food vendors and craft traders to drive more footfall, not a theme-park ride with queuing systems taking up the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

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