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Dear Planning Committee

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

Please reject the planning application for a Ferris Wheel at Camden Lock Market.

I have a number of objections, starting with the most important to me. It is obvious to me that people on the Ferris Wheel will be able to look directly into nearby flats and will destroy our privacy, just as happened with the viewing area at Tate Modern. Why should we have to put up with gawking tourists looking into our homes every day?

My second concern is that the area cannot handle more visitors. It is already a very busy tourist destination. Camden Market already attracts 28million visitors a year and the Wheel will substantially increase this, adding to the pressure on local roads and public transport. The number of extra visitors will be impossible to manage in such a narrow space. The area is already very overcrowdedat the weekend. Why risk making the crowding even more problematic, with all the dangers to life and limb that involves.

It goes without saying that more crowds in the area around the proposed Wheel will increase crime in the area – thefts, ASB and more. Camden Lock Market already generates huge amounts of noise and rubbishand this has increased in recent years. We don't want this to get even worse!

Third, the 40m high wheel will have a harmful impact on 6 Grade II Listed Buildings and the Regent's Canal Conservation Area, particularly the Grade II Interchange Warehouse. I am also concerned that the proposed increased number of boats using Dead Dog Basin will multiply the noise and pollution residents have to suffer. The local press has called this a 'fairground' proposal and they are correct. We don't want or need a 'fairground' at Camden Lock.

Fourth, this is just way for the Camden Lock Market owners to increase their profits. This is not about regenerating a 'run down' part of the borough and there is no planning justification for such a ridiculous proposal.

Please protect us from this unnecessary planning application. Please refuse planning permission.

Yours

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