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**Subject:** Camden Ferris Wheel - A Sincere Request to Reject the Application

Dear Planning Committee

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

I am writing respectfully to ask the committee to 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? Privacy is a human right and please protect of this human right of the Camden town residents.

My second concern is that the area cannot handle more visitors. It is already a very busy tourist destination. Camden Market already attracts 28 million 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 overcrowded at 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 rubbish and this has increased in recent years. We don't want this to get even worse! The problem of drinking, illegal and unethical urination, drug abuses and trading, crimes, graffiti, rubbish has reached to a level that is unbearable to the local residents of Camden town. I am sure each of the staff member and committee members of the Camden council and planning committee love Camden as we do. Please take actions to deal with these problems more seriously and effectively and not to leave these problems become worsening. Refusing the wheel application is a sensible first step to prevent these problems from worsening.

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.

Please do not give way for the Camden Lock Market owners to increase their profits at the expense of the privacy, safety, property value deterioration, etc of the broader group of individual residents and landlords, including me, who respectfully rely on the each of the council members to do their justice.

Last but not least, please put yourselves into our shoes. Assuming if you were a Camden resident living next to the planned wheel, how would think about the wheel and what would you say to the planning committee and the Camden council?

Yours

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