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**Sent:** 02 May 2023 10:18  
**To:** Planning  
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**Subject:** Camden Ferris Wheel - reference 2022/3853/P

Dear Planning Committee,

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

I am writing to ask the Council to reject the planning application for a Ferris Wheel at Camden Lock Market.

I am the owner of Flat 7 in the Henson building, Oval Road and I have a number of objections.

Firstly, 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. Creating a fairground is completely out of keeping with the area, will negatively affect a conservation area and will have a detrimental impact on the environment.

Secondly, this 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 difficult to manage safely in such a narrow space. The area is already very overcrowded at the weekend. This proposal will exacerbate the current issues and will potentially create security risks with additional people crowded into a confined space. These risks include personal injury and criminal activity.

Thirdly, I have personal privacy concerns as people on the Ferris Wheel will be able to look directly into nearby flats and will destroy our privacy. The Tate Modern ruling is pertinent in this case

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2023/feb/01/tate-modern-viewing-platform-invades-privacy-of-flats-supreme-court-rules>.

In summary, this proposal will have an extremely negative impact on a conservation area and is not at all in keeping with local architecture that is currently being conserved. It will increase visitor numbers with significant consequent negative personal safety and criminal risks, these are unacceptable outcomes of a business project. Finally, there is existing case law indicating that the invasion of personal privacy will be a real issue if this proceeds.

For these reasons I strongly request that this proposal be rejected

Yours

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