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To: Planning

Subject: Camden Lock Market Planning Application 2022/3853/P OBJECTION

I have looked at this Planning Application in detail and I write to object strongly to the proposal to install a Ferris Wheel in the middle of the West Yard. The proposed wheel would be totally out of scale with the listed buildings surrounding the yard. At 40 metres high the wheel would be about twice the height of the fine listed Interchange Building, which is currently a dominant feature of the market, making it relatively insignificant. If listing of the buildings means anything at all it should mean the immediate rejection of this scheme. The wheel would have nothing to do with the functions of the rest of the market, which sit well in the Victorian buildings.

The proposal is that the wheel would have “temporary” permission for five years. Even Historic England doubt whether this could possibly be made to apply. At the end of the five years there would be an application for a further five. And if that was denied would Camden have the ability to have the wheel removed? And what is the logic of “temporary”? If it would be unacceptable after five years why is it acceptable for the five years?

The Lock Market is already very popular, and the crowds on Camden High Street/Chalk Farm Road are already quite difficult to control. The Camden Underground station cannot cope with the current numbers; long queues have formed outside the station, and for parts of the weekend, the only way down is by the 96 stairs. There is no access for the seriously disabled. To add any more people to what is already nearly out of control could be very dangerous.

For these reasons this part of the Planning Application should be refused.

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