

From: Curnock Street TRA
Sent: 03 May 2023 08:04
To: Planning
Subject: REF: 2022/3853/P

Dear Sir/Madam,

As chairman of the Curnock Estate TRA, I am writing to **oppose planning permission** for the Ferris Wheel in Camden Market.

The Wheel is visually inappropriate in a site of historical and archaeological importance and highly intrusive to our friends in neighbouring residential areas. The increase in visitor numbers to the site will stretch local infrastructure, particularly Camden Underground Station, which already struggles daily to serve the local community.

The massive volume of visitors to the market already causes a strain on local policing, and this has a detrimental effect on the Curnock Street Estate, which struggles to compete for community resources. Drug dealers are using our estates for selling drugs to the market visitors and tourists and this will only get worse with the increased number of visitors.

The Wheel will not benefit our community and it raises a lot of alarm bells especially if you consider how badly LabTech is managing the current sites regarding Fire Safety, security and Health and Safety generally. This can be proved by the following:

1. I have personally visited the Camden Lock many times and virtually anyone can enter the building at any time via the side door next to Honest Burgers and go inside unchallenged creating damages or another fire.
2. On both Camden Lock and West Yard, toilets are permanently blocked and filthy. Even the toilets in the new development opposite are mostly closed or out of order. This is unacceptable considering the number of visitors they have. Some of them are using our estates as a toilet.
3. Also, during my visits twice I witnessed that the fire escape routes were locked while the fire alarm was on and the visitors needed to evacuate the buildings. There were already many fires on the different sites owned by LabTech and the lack of Fire Safety or security does raise many alarms for the safety of visitors and people who are working there.

I am really concerned about the physical security of the wheel. How will LabTech prevent drunk visitors or people high on drugs from climbing the wheel during the night when at the moment they leave all their buildings unlocked, do not maintain their facilities which leads visitors to urinate on our doorstep and more importantly how will police cope with the increasing number of ASB?

Finally, the increased number of visitors will increase the noise levels in the area, ASB and infestation problems due to the increased number of rubbish.

Yours sincerely,

Dimitris Papageorgiou - Chair

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