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**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Paula Ong  
**Subject:** Re: Planning application 2022/3853/P

Dear Sir/Madam

I write, in my capacity as Chief Executive of The London Irish Centre, Camden Square, to voice my support for this planning application.

As part of our own redevelopment our vision is to reimagine, redevelop and reposition the London Irish Centre as a much-improved Community and Cultural Centre with a state-of-the-art performance venue, a modern workplace to facilitate our team to deliver the best possible Care to the thousands who rely on us, a flexible work base for business and the charity sector, and a welcoming space for new arrivals and visitors to London.

We believe the Camden Lock Market development, with improved community and cultural spaces, lends itself to closer collaboration with the London Irish Centre and, along with the Highline development, will improve the future potential of the wider Camden area.

Of note:

- The proposals will develop the East Vaults and Dead Dog Basin spaces to the public and local community for the first time. The LIC is particularly supportive of the plans to showcase the arts and music as well as the history of the Irish workers involved in the construction of the area.
- We welcome the involvement of local schools to develop learning opportunities for pupils by exploring the history of the Canal, Camden Market and the local area which would lend itself to potential collaboration with us as we have a library and rich archive material that we will showcase in our new build.
- There will be work experience opportunities for local school students and we aim to open our library to the local community so further collaboration
- The plans are clear about the importance of ensuring diversity and inclusion within the exhibition spaces so that all Camden communities feel represented

- The restoration of 'Dead Dog Basin' will be opened up and restore this underground water basin heritage asset
- The proposed temporary heritage observation wheel would give people a unique view of Camden Market's heritage buildings from above as well as Regents Canal and the landscape of London. The Observation wheel would ensure an allocation of free and heavily discounted tickets to a cohort of local school students from disadvantaged communities.

Kind Regards,  
Séamus

**Séamus MacCormaic**  
Chief Executive



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