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For the Attention of CAMDEN COUNCIL

The work of Camden Council has been excellent, from rubbish collection to residents' well being and safety to protecting the environment.

Thus far. Up until now.

Regrettably, the Council's continuing consideration of the Camden ferris wheel threatens to undermine its credible achievements.

It is unacceptable that this misguided, ill judged project is still under consideration despite the concerns of the Metropolitan Police *and* of Camden residents over the increased potential for rising crime and violence, due to the projected increase of numbers of visitors.

It is disgraceful that local housing units, including Castlehaven Community Association, are being ignored over their justified concerns over safety, privacy and security should this non-essential project proceed. The projected overload on noise, rubbish, infrastructure, traffic and transport are also major concerns.

As importantly, the Gradell listed warehouses in the Regent's Canal Conservation Area will be under threat as will other structures & places inevitably affected by this 'construction' and operation.

It is also incumbent upon Council Members to please be mindful of Camden's history as home and inspiration to residents, as varied as Charles Dickens, Walter Sickert, Alan Bennett, Keats, Tanmsin Greig, JB Priestly, Shaw, Jonathan Miller, Amy Winehouse, Betjeman and Goossens. I trust that none of the Council will consider a ferris wheel to be a fitting legacy to these creative icons. Nor will the Council wish to endure the ridicule and outrage if it allows this unwanted, irrelevant eye-sore to proceed, undermining Camden's enviable cultural history and always dynamic, innovative creative life.

Simply, this is clearly a financial, fastbuck scheme that in no way will actually benefit the residents of Camden.

The proposed ferris wheel in Camden is inappropriate, unwarranted, and unsuitable. I trust that Members of Camden Council will listen and take serious account of the wishes of its constituents and will reject this unwanted and unwelcome blight on our much-loved Camden Town and protect its treasured history and values.

Yours sincerely,
Barbara Rafaeli