From: BEE GEE MINICABS LIMITED

Sent: 17 December 2023 18:22

To: Kristina Smith
Cc: Planning

Subject: Planning Application Number: 2023/4546

16 December 2023

Planning Department, London Borough of Camden, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE.

Re: Planning application Reference Number: 2023/4546

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, the Directors and partners of Bee Gee Minicabs Ltd, located in 125 Castlehaven Road, London NW1 8SJ, on behalf of the Directors and Shareholders to express our deep concerns on the planning application submitted by the new landlady, Mrs Dilara Begum Miah, for the proposed changes of Bee Gee Minicabs to a residential property.

Bee Gee Minicab is a popular local Minicab operating from this address since 1963, which generates income for many people involved with this business. We have 20 full-time drivers and 4/5 controllers working to run this business 24/7.

We are proud to serve the local community. People regularly use our service to go to Schools, Hospitals, Care homes, stations, Airports, etc. and are incredibly grateful, especially for our service during Covid-19. We have a 10-year open lease (renewable) expiring on 26 August 2024 and are planning to extend the lease for another 10 years on expiry.

The property was owned by Mr. Swarup Chowdhury (one of the owner of Bee Gee Minicab), who sold the freehold title on 04 October 2023 for his purpose, but just a week later, on 18 October 2023, the current owner submitted a planning application to your office without informing us. In her planning application, she stated that "the owners are struggling to make ends meet with this business" but she does not know anything about us or the business as she is very new to us and not an owner of Bee Gee Minicab. This raises concern about the accuracy and legitimacy of the claims made in the application. Decisions regarding planning permission must be based on accurate and transparent information, particularly when the proposed change of use may have significant implications for the local Community. Bee Gee Cabs has been running for over 60 years and is trusted by the local community.

Therefore, we, the Bee Gee Cabs owners, strongly oppose this planning application and request the Camden Planning Department to consider the interest of the local community, Bee Gee Minicabs Ltd and its employees.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation

Sincerely yours,

Amanur Rahman Director, Bee Gee Minicab Swarup Chowdhury Director, Bee Gee Minicab Bhaskor Chowdhury Shareholder, Bee Gee Minicab Mohammed Abdul Malik Shareholder, Bee Gee Minicab