

Sam Fitzpatrick Planning Officer

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Dear Sam,

RE: Support for the London Tunnels Project and the Fulwood Place Scheme

I am writing on behalf of Central District Alliance to express our full support for the ambitious London Tunnels project, including the integral Fulwood Place Scheme at 31-33 High Holborn. This project represents a significant opportunity for economic, cultural, and historical enrichment within our community. By opening up the mile-long WWII tunnels, we anticipate a rejuvenation of local business, increased tourism, and educational engagement, projecting an economic uplift of £60-£80 million annually for the area.

The Fulwood Place Scheme is pivotal to this vision. It proposes a thoughtful restoration and enhancement of the building's façades, respecting its historical significance while addressing current needs for functionality and public interaction. This scheme specifically targets the revitalisation of the High Holborn façade, an area that has seen various modifications over the years, to restore its architectural integrity and visual appeal. The focus on technical feasibility, particularly the strategic enhancement of the alleyway and rear façades, ensures the London Tunnels project's success by integrating modern requirements with heritage preservation.

Moreover, the scheme aims to reinstate lost heritage details and declutter the façade from non-original additions, thereby improving the visual cohesion across High Holborn. Such meticulous attention to detail not only enhances the area's aesthetic but also aligns with Camden Council's planning policies on sustainable development and cultural heritage conservation.

We urge the Camden Council to recognise the transformative potential of the London Tunnels project and the Fulwood Place Scheme. Together, they promise to bring lasting benefits to our district, fostering a vibrant, culturally rich, and economically robust community.

Thank you for considering our support. We are committed to collaborating with all stakeholders to realise this project's full potential for High Holborn and the wider Camden community.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Akehurst Chief Executive

