

Regeneration and Planning
London Borough of Camden
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29th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

We hope that we are not too late to send this in to be added to the other objections to the below planning application, as the online closing date for comments was Saturday 27th July 2024.

REF: Objection to Change of Use to 187 Kentish Town Road London Camden NW1 8PD

Change of ground floor use from Cinema (Sui Generis) to Flexible Use for Cinema (Sui Generis) / Class F.1 / Class F.2 / Class E

Application number: 2024/0601/P

Application type: Full Planning Permission

The history of the agreement between the developers and the residents has been well documented. In 2015 the developer was allowed to build 5 storeys in return for a cinema which would benefit the neighbourhood. Now we have had many years when the developer made efforts to find an organisation or individual to take on the running of such a cinema and community arts space. These attempts have failed. The current application is now for either a Class E or Class F planning. Class E (commercial) would mean the community would lose all involvement in the building. This will be a huge loss to the local community and cause added upset to those who have patiently waited for the cinema and community arts space to open.

Under the current circumstances we could support Class F which would allow community involvement and a chance that perhaps we could get the cinema one day.

The Castlehaven Community Association are opposed to Class E and would like this application to be refused and a new application requesting Class F in its place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on tricia@castlehaven.org.uk or call 020 7485 3386.

Thank you

Kind regards

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