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Dear Camden Planning

We are writing to object to the proposals to install a shopping mall pavilion within Coal Drops Yard.

To date Coal Drops Yard has been developed along with the rest of the King's Cross Estate in a manner generally sympathetic to the area's heritage. Many aspects of the development, including the iconic 'kissing roof' over Coal Drops Yard by Thomas Heatherwick and the Ismail Centre are outstanding. It is no surprise that the Estate as a whole has been recommended for the Sterling Prize.

However, the proposed design of the Pavilion is akin to dumping an airport duty free mall in the middle of Coal Drops Yard. It reflects the same commercial motivation of an airport to maximise profit out of footfall without consideration for the impact on amenity, heritage and design. Our grounds for objection are (1) the Pavilion removes the amenity of the Yard space at its widest point, squeezing people visiting the Yard to its sides, (2) in so doing it buries part of the King's Cross Estate's industrial heritage, and (3) the design not dissimilar to rows of beach huts sits discordantly against the broad sweep of the kissing roof.

Yours sincerely

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