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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to planning application 2024/3019/P for the pavilion/building in Coal Drops Yard

I live nearby and walk through the KX development twice a day on my way to/from work and enjoy the space, environment and amenities it offers me and many other residents from a broad local area

I really do not think the pavilion is acceptable, it will:

irreparably damage the Grade II listed historic Coal Drops Yard site - the conservation and restoration of the Yard is remarkable, but this would permanently damage it

create large scale clutter in a valuable open space on the development

block the view from the Yard to the canal for visitors walking through or sitting in the currently open space in the vicinity of the canal

make the view from the canal to the Yard darker and less inviting, it is currently a view into a light, open space

prevent the space being used for the many events that are hosted there, eg live music and markets, and as an alternate space for the Canopy Market when it can't use its regular space which happens sometimes

prevent visitors using the space to sit, meet, for kids to play especially in summer, all the tables and chairs are occupied on a summer day and evening

block daylight to the surrounding existing retail units

create an eyesore view from the 'elevated walkway' alongside the canal, pedestrians sitting on the benches and walking along will have an ugly view of a roof instead of a sweeping view of the Historic Yard

I understand the developers need to increase footfall but there are currently empty units which could be taken by more mainstream retailers, the imminent opening of the Uniqlo store will significantly increase visitors and the solution isn't to build more units - the solution is to change the current retail tenants to ones that appeal to visitors

The developer should not be permitted to just slightly reduce the size of the pavilion as if that will appease objectors - it won't. There should be no pavilion or any other structure in this valuable open space

I urge the Council to refuse the application and be firm with the developer about there not being an opportunity to build anything in this space

Please notify me when this application will be considered by the planning committee

Thank you

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