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Dear Mr Hodgson

I wish to object to the proposed development of additional retail in the courtyard of Coal Drops Yard. This development will significantly harm the environment and reduce the already limited open space available to the growing number of residents in and visitors to the area.

It is hard to understand the motivation behind this plan, especially when several units in Coal Drops Yard still remain vacant. The area features beautiful historic buildings, and this development risks spoiling the environment by creating an unnecessary street market that will lead to overcrowding.

There is already a thriving food market in the Waitrose Court, and the addition of more permanent food outlets will undermine the businesses of individual traders who offer excellent, high-quality fare. This application appears to be a thoughtless attempt by the owners to fill every open leisure space without considering the impact on local residents despite the assurances given earlier.

If this development is approved Coal Drops Yard will lose its unique character and simply become another crowded soulless commercial area. With the new Google building and ongoing construction of office and residential spaces adding many more people to the area, open spaces, of which there are very few in this area, should be protected and preserved, not further built upon.

Yours sincerely
Christina Oliva