



ROUNDHOUSE

**THE ROUNDHOUSE
CHALK FARM ROAD
LONDON NW1 8EH**



STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

By: **THE ROUNDHOUSE TRUST**

In respect of: **Application for planning permission for the construction of 2,142 sq. m. of ancillary offices and storage at the Roundhouse Service Yard, Chalk Farm Road, NW1 8EH**

Statement of Community Involvement

1. Local residents

- 1.1. The Roundhouse posted letters to local residents and businesses between 20th December and 24th December 2013, regarding the proposed scheme; the distribution covered:-
 - 80, 87, 88 and 89 Chalk Farm Road
 - Stockholm Apartments (86 Chalk Farm Road)
 - Adelaide Tavern (151-153 Regents Park Road)
 - Circa Apartments (210 Regents Park Road)
 - Bridge House (Adelaide Road)
- 1.2. Two local residents' consultation sessions were held on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 100a Chalk Farm Road at which Marcus Davey, the Roundhouses' Chief Executive/Artistic Director and Heather Walker, Deputy Chief Executive, explained the driver and rationale behind the project, presented the proposed scheme, shared plans and images and gave those attending an opportunity to ask questions and establish other ways to provide their feedback in the coming weeks.
- 1.3. Residents from the Adelaide Tavern (151-153 Regents Park Road) and the Circa Apartments attended the meeting; their feedback was largely positive and residents seemed enthusiastic about proposed improvements to the immediate environment. Residents from the Circa Apartments were pleased to see that the scheme was positioned to avoid any impact on those with balconies and gardens on the south side.
- 1.4. A concern was raised about the potential impact on natural light to flats in Adelaide Tavern. The Roundhouse Trust advised that a Sunlight & Daylight Assessment was being prepared and the Trust would be better able to answer that query when this was available. It is our intention to offer One-to-one meetings with affected residents to discuss the findings from this report following the planning application submission. Following the consultation sessions, the Trust received communications from a handful of residents from Adelaide Tavern restating concerns in relation to light impact.
- 1.5. The Trust received additional requests for information from neighbours who could not attend the briefing sessions and were advised that the Trust would be mounting an exhibition regarding the scheme once the planning application was lodged.

2. Ward councillors

- a. Councillor Chris Naylor met with Marcus Davey and Heather Walker from the Roundhouse on Wednesday 15th January and responded positively to the scheme.
- b. A meeting between Councillor **Lazzaro Pietragnoli**, Heather Walker and James Heaton (Deputy Director of Operations) took place on Wednesday 22nd January, with a positive response.

3. High Speed Two

- 3.1. The Roundhouse has maintained a regular dialogue with representatives from High Speed 2, the proposed route of which runs immediately past the Roundhouse site with the Roundhouse service yard earmarked as a possible access route during the construction phase. The High Speed 2 representatives have confirmed that they do not foresee any reason to object to the proposed scheme, it having no material impact upon their project.

4. Metropolitan Police

- 4.1. David Cruse (Urban Space Management) met with Dave Lanning from the Metropolitan Police in January 2014; note that the Roundhouse regularly liaises with Dave Lanning regarding security at the venue. Mr Lanning advised there was no need to discuss the proposal for the new administration building in advance of the application being submitted to Camden, and that the Police would respond to consultation by the local planning authority in the normal manner.

5. North Camden Town Neighbourhood Forum

- 5.1. Kate McLaren, representative from the NCTNF, met Heather Walker and James Heaton (Deputy Director of Operations) on Friday 17th January 2014 to hear about the Roundhouse development. She had no objections to the scheme and responded positively.

6. Regents Canal Conservation Area Society

- 6.1 The Chair of the Regents Canal Conservation Area Society, Anthony Richardson, and two of his colleagues, met Heather Walker and James Heaton on Tuesday 21st January 2014. They have no objection to the proposed development and are particularly pleased with the Trust's intention to repair the Chalk Farm Road retaining wall as part of the development works.

7. English Heritage

- 7.1 Nigel Barker and Michael Dunn, from English Heritage, met with Marcus Davey and Heather Walker on Wednesday 22nd January 2014 to discuss the scheme and responded positively and submitted a pre-application advice letter in support of the project as follows:-

"We have considered the proposals and can confirm that we have no objections to them. In our view, the proposed development safeguards the setting of the grade II listed Roundhouse."*

8. The Norman Trust

- 8.1. Trustees from the Norman Trust – who own the freehold on the Roundhouse and the service yard – have been consulted and given their full endorsement to the proposed scheme.

9. Network Rail

- 9.1. The Roundhouse Trust has requested a meeting with Network Rail and will attend when Network Rail is available.

10. One Housing Group

- 10.1. One Housing Group occupies the building at 100/100a Chalk Farm Road and has submitted a planning application to redevelop the site; the Trust talked through its proposed scheme with senior personnel from One House Group on 28th January 2014.

11. Actions taken following consultation

- 11.1. The Roundhouse has commissioned Keeping Blue Limited to produce a Daylight and Sunlight Assessment to assess the impact of the proposed scheme upon the natural light of neighbouring properties. This document will form part of the Trust's application for planning permission.
- 11.2. An exhibition presenting the proposed development will be mounted in a publically accessible area of the Roundhouse when the planning application is submitted. Opportunities to give the Roundhouse feedback regarding the scheme will be available in person, online or via comment cards inside the venue will be available.
- 11.3. The new Roundhouse website, due for launch in early February 2014, will feature a section dedicated to the proposed scheme. This will include regular updates for the public to keep up-to-date with the development and offer a platform for questions, feedback and contact.