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Camden Borough Council
Planning Services
Town Hall
Argyle Street
London
WC1H 8ND

Our Ref BWYS-PLAN-2013-13573-1
Your Ref 2013/4483/P

Dear Ms Carr,

The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
Application No: 2013/4483/P
Proposal: Erection of a viewing area within nature park (Class D1).
Location: Camley St Natural Park, 12 Camley Street, London, N1C 4PW
Waterway: Regent's Canal

Thank you for your consultation dated 18 July 2013 in respect of the above.

The British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 has substituted references to British Waterways in the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 to the Canal & River Trust. As such, local planning authorities are now required to consult the Canal & River Trust on applications for planning permission in the same way as British Waterways was previously consulted. In addition, under the British Waterways Board Transfer Scheme 2012 (also made under the Public Bodies Act 2011) all the property of British Waterways in England and Wales has now vested in the Trust.

The Canal & River Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity. It is separate from government but still the recipient of a significant amount of government funding.

The Trust has a range of charitable objects including:

- To hold in trust or own and to operate and manage inland waterways for public benefit, use and enjoyment;
- To protect and conserve objects and buildings of heritage interest;
- To further the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment of inland waterways; and

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- To promote sustainable development in the vicinity of any inland waterways for the benefit of the public.

After due consideration of the application details, the Canal & River Trust has no objection to the principle of the proposal, and have been working with the applicants in their development of the platform. We hope that this will be a popular attraction that will enable children and adult visitors alike feel more connected to the waterspace and learn more about the wildlife it supports.

Navigation

We have worked with the applicants, who have also consulted with the IWA, to ensure that the platform does not project into the navigable channel of the Regent's Canal. It will also need to be protected against boat strike (and to some extent, litter becoming trapped) by a new timber boom/fender, which they intend to submit to us shortly.

Maintenance and Landscaping

The structure and any associated planting will be maintained by the London Wildlife Trust. If any further landscaping details are submitted, we would request to be consulted on these. We are not comfortable with the indicated floating vegetation rafts, but will control this through our Estates department's agreement.

If the Council is minded to grant planning permission, it is requested that the following informatives be attached to the decision notice:

Informatives

"The applicant/developer should refer to the current "Code of Practice for Works affecting the Canal & River Trust" to ensure that any necessary consents are obtained, and discuss this with the Canal & River Trust's third party works engineer, Christine Newton (christine.newton@canalrivertrust.org.uk) (<http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/for-businesses/undertaking-works-on-our-property>)."

"The applicant/developer is advised that the encroachment onto the Canal & River Trust's land requires written consent and they should contact the Canal & River Trust's Estates Surveyor, Jonathan Young (jonathan.young@canalrivertrust.org.uk) regarding the required agreement."

In addition, in order for the Canal & River Trust to monitor our role as a statutory consultee, please send me a copy of the decision notice and the requirements of any planning obligation.

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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