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# THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

# TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

#### **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

OF Former Lock Keeper's Cottage 289 Camden High Street London NW1 7BX

1. THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE which is issued by the Council because it appears to them that there has been a breach of planning control, under Section 171 A (1) (a) of the above Act, at the land described below. They consider that it is expedient to issue this notice, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and to other material planning considerations. The Explanatory Note at the end of the Notice and the enclosures to which it refers contain important additional information.

### 2. THE LAND AFFECTED

Land at: Former Lock Keeper's Cottage, 289 Camden High Street, London, NW1 7BX

as shown, for the purposes of identification only, outlined in black on the attached plan.

3. THE BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ALLEGED

**Without Planning Permission:** Unauthorised use of the building as a coffee shop.

- 4. REASONS FOR ISSUING THIS NOTICE:
  - a) It appears to the Council that the above breach of planning control has occurred within the last 10 years
  - b) The unauthorised use of the building due to the loss of the Canal Information Centre and the resulting link to the history and special character of Regents Canal fails to preserve and enhance the character of the Regents Canal Conservation Area contrary to policy CS14 (High quality places and conserving heritage) of the London Borough of Camden Core Strategy Development Plan Document and

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policy DP25 (Conserving Camden's heritage) of the London Borough of Camden Development Framework Development Policies.

c) The unauthorised use of the building by reason of the loss of an existing community and tourist facility without the suitable provision of a replacement facility is detrimental to the local community and the tourist economy associated with Regents Canal contrary to policy CS8 (Promoting a successful and inclusive Camden economy) of the London Borough of Camden Core Strategy Development Plan Document and policies DP14 (Tourism development and visitor accommodation) and Policy DP15 (Community and leisure uses) of the London Borough of Camden Development Framework Development Policies.

The Council do not consider that planning permission should be given because planning conditions could not overcome these problems.

## 5. WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO

Within a period of 9 months from the Notice taking effect:

1) Cease the current use of the premises or;

2) Reinstate an area at ground floor level comprising at least 51% of net usable total floorspace of the Lock Keeper's Cottage to be fully equipped and laid out for the display and provision of information to visitors

Compliance due date: 9 July 2013

6. WHEN THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT

This notice takes effect on 9 October 2012 unless an appeal is made against it beforehand.

DATED: 28 August 2012

Head of Legal Services, on behalf of the London Borough of Camden, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9LP.

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