Vickers, Ben

- I live and work ion Kentish Town and I don't have much to say about the proposals for the Castle except:
- It has seen it's day
- Brought no good to all for year after year
- is ruined victorian architecture internally for decades, save what
- and is a big lump without a cause
- has always been a magnet for all the bad things we don't want round here, louts, noise, vermin

I support the growing number of locals who would like to see more business and professional services users in this area.

I support that a new building initself is not a bad thing. I think that as designed is fair and visually pleasing for all.

I can imagine office use here, I don't want gueues of people, rowdy behaviour, drugs, crime and everything else that brings bad memories of the castle. It would be lovely to bring up the class of the neighbourhood.

There are not many places where the opportunities for 'placemaking" are so upon us. Imagine one day that South Kentish Town was not just a place that you pass by quickly on your way somewhere but a destination in its own right. I think we should go further and reduce the pressure on Camden Town and re-open the tube as well.

We'd (us locals) would simply love this part of Kentish Town to be a new place not a place devoid of anchors that you just drive through. A cluster of modern, attractive, inexpensive office space would be right for us.

Please Camden we want a 'place' and we want 'quality'. The castle needs to move aside.

To whom it may concern

As a local resident I am not a supporter of the Castle building remaining as a bad reminder of a chequered past. It has long been in poor state of repair. I suspect it is not far from ready to fall down.

The black blot on our landscape needs to go.

We all know that this area is not a good retail pitch. Cafe's struggle, the supermarkets higher up the high street have ruined the local grocers all of which have seen no internal re-fitting or external refurbishment for years.

There are no tenants here that pay high rents, so it is understandable but not desirable that the landlords do not bother to keep the plants from the parapets, render painted and the whole area looks rather sad.

These smaller buildings may have worked when the shop keeper lived above the shop but now we are left with poor quality conversions, fire and health hazards and poor retail.

The Castle parade and beyond needs a facelift. It has started the other side of the road. Kent Cafe has started this side and we need to build on the apetite for investment here and now. Else, what will be impossible. Else I fear a future od accelerating decline for this

block.

I support the proposed use as a good neighbour use. Something us residents would like to see more of.

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Living in Kentish Town I'd like to make my view heard. The bottom end of Kentish Town has long needed anchor tenants and more larger local employers.

I do support Camden putting pressure on the owners of all the buildings in South Kentish Town, paticularly those south of Kent Cafe, Cash Converters and the Castle to get their buildings in order. However, I believe a better approach is to question why these 20 or so buildings do not get the investment they deserve. The only logical answer is economic viability, buildings too small in footprint and size for the investment needed and a need to make way for a desirable secondary retail and/or employment zone.

The proposals for this site offer a start to this. Personally I feel they could go further, even what is proposed will de dwarfed by the Victorian mansion opposite, dwarfed by Camden Island and dwarfed by the high rise Council behind. Where a building is too small to be of good use and has been proven in the open market to be devoid of successful uses then a new age should dawn.

I understand the building standing today is about the 4th reincarnation on this site, each one bigger and appropriate for its time and age. I am a supporter of the proposals. I urge Camden to be brave enough to see the material benefits to the local community of getting this one through.

Yours sincerely

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I agree with English Heritage the Castle has long been forgotten. The inside was little more than a dive that only looked good in the dark. There is nothing worth protecting. We need progress.

English Heritage decided that the building did not deserve any listing and us locals agree.

The hysteria is nothing more than sensationalism started by the Camden Journal. Hardly representative of local opinion. Of course a few will be sad to lose a building they have walked by for many years. But when one considers what this building represents to us locals the Council would understand why Councillor Apak has our overwhelming support.

This buildings has run out of purposeful use. The market has tested that 5 times in as many years with pub operators one after another failing. There is no sustainable use for a gigging venue or pub here and following decay the market has let the building stand empty for 2 years. You can see the roof decay and plants growing on google images. The market proved it difficult for the owners who tried for 8 years to get rid. They have and we have a new opportunity to bring regeneration here, jobs and homes.

Come on Camden let's build a brighter future.

On behalf of the North London Branch of The Campaign for Real Ale and its 1600 members. I should like to object strongly to the possible loss of the Castle to pub use.

The sequential loss of public houses in residential areas across our Branch area, which includes parts of Westminster, all of Camden and Islington and Haringey, parts of Hackney and Brent, over the past five years has become endemic.

Camden Council's local plan documents contain several defensive policies for the protection of public houses in the Borough on both community amenity grounds and heritage conservation. From the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy - CS7 and CS10 . From the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies DP10 and DP15. In addition there is a very specific Camden Planning Policy

15.7 We will also resist the loss of local pubs that serve a community role (for example by providing space for evening classes, clubs, meetings or performances) unless alternative provision is available nearby or it can be demonstrated to the Council's satisfaction that the premises are no longer economically viable for pub use.

Accordingly, we object to the proposed demolition and change of use of this historic public house built in mid 1800s. This is a building that could be capably restored to its previous usage as a public house.

We have seen several examples of failed pubs nearby being restored to good health, The Tapping The Admiral (currently CAMRA North London's Pub of the Year) and The Grafton (Currently our Pub of the Season) are excellent examples. Having a group of successful pubs close to each other is good for them all, it encourages people to visit the area and spend money, not just in the pubs but in local restaurants, shops and such like.

Few, if any, pubs in London districts such as this are economically unviable. Under the right management and operated 'free of tie' as a Free House and offered for sale at a realistic and commercial value, there is no doubt that these historic premises could continue to be a valuable addition to the street and the neighbourhood.

