

**Planning Application 102 Camley Street London NW1 0PF**

Application number: 2014/4381/P

To Neil McDonald

I am writing on behalf of Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign (LCC). We have about 600 members and represent the interests of cyclists living or working in the borough of Camden.

In our response to Camden's Draft Kings Cross Place Plan in May 2012, we welcomed the proposal to identify key east-west and north-south cycle links as part of options in the study for the Camley Street area but objected to the fact that although the plan referred to use of the canal towpath by cyclists, it failed to mention the requirement for additional ramp accesses, for example in Camley Street.

In Summer 2012, we were very disappointed that the plans for the new development at 103 Camley Street failed to provide cyclists with ramped access between Camley Street and the canal towpath. Now that this development is nearing completion, we have observed that there is a wheel channel beside the new wide steps which may provide an alternative to carrying bikes down those steps. But this is far from ideal and not going to encourage less agile cyclists and those with laden bikes or carrying children to use this potentially useful connection.

We are therefore very pleased that in the introduction to the Design and Access statement for 102 Camley Street, the applicant, Regent shows clear recognition of the need to provide the first cycle link between the Regent's Canal towpath and Camley Street, recognising this as a link to the wider cycle network. East-west cycle links are very scarce in this area.

Since we recognise that where differences in height are involved, people with limited mobility and wheelchair users have very similar requirements to cyclists – that is a ramped access with a gentle slope, we are pleased to see that the proposal also promises to provide disabled access from Camley Street to the towpath.

We therefore urge Camden to support this part of the planning proposal for 102 Camley Street as well as the proposed improvements on the towpath including lighting under the bridge and the additional stepped access for pedestrians.

We note that the cycle storage of 269 spaces exceeds Camden's 2010 LDP requirement but falls short of the proposed London Plan standards of 2 per unit for units over 45 sq m (which most of these are). We also expect reasonable cycle parking for visitors (17 spaces per LDP) but have not found reference to this.

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