

From: Walsh, Jennifer
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To: Planning
Subject: FW: The Castle Pub - planning application.

Hello – please could you log this as a comment.
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Thanks

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From: Philip Toop [REDACTED]
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Dear Jennifer,

It is difficult when faced with the monstrosity that is the Foxtons office at the top of Parkway, or for the new residential building that sits over Kentish Town West station, to think much thought goes into whether or not developers should be given their way when it comes to taking down the old and putting up the new.

I know that there have been successes that have led to local amenities being improved. Tapping the Admiral came as a result of the Tavern in the Town not being demolished and replaced by a block of flats.

The move to save the old refectory building of the polytechnic on the corner of Prince of Wales Road, which may end up as a new cinema.

These were both successes that came as a result of community input to the planning process being taken into account.

Kentish Town is changing and change can bring positive elements, such as much-needed local work opportunities to the neighbourhood. And change is all around us as the plans to develop Camden Town's canal frontage can attest.

However, in the case of The Castle, this developer, Ringley appears to have little interest in being a good local citizen and seeks to impose its will on us. It has ignored orders to undo the damage it has done and is now trying to upset things again with a final hour ploy.

There is no wish on anyone's part to have the building sit in disrepair for ever but let's ensure we and Ringley's moves forward in a way that respects the community's point of view.

Ultimately, that can only be in everyone's best interests.

Good luck with your decision-making process.

Kind regards,

Philip Toop

Regular visitor to Mario's Cafe(Kelly Street) and Boris bike rider who passes this site most days.