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Dear Sir,

Premises above Kentish Town Tube Station — 2014/6620/P

I would not normally write a letter like this but having just reading in the Camden Journal that the fruit and veg stall called Fruit Bowl which is located outside Kentish Town Tube Station has been given notice to quit in January, I felt I must express my total dismay.

I do realise that this property is owned by Transport for London who, as their landlord has issued this notice in favour of yet another food outlet albeit an "up market" food outlet but my reason for writing to you is because I understand planning permission has not yet been granted for this restaurant.

I would like to register my absolute opposition to this. Not only do we most definitely not need another restaurant/take away/coffee shop in Kentish Town but we are in desperate need of getting into the area small local shops of every description in order that we might, as Camden keeps begging us to do, shop locally.

I have lived in Kentish Town all my life (66 years), at one time this area was a vibrant shopping area, we had Marks and Spencer, Burtons, two cinemas, three shoe shops, two clothing shops, Woolworths, bakers, butchers, fresh fish shops, furniture shop as well as Sainsbury's supermarket. In those days you could actually move on the road in Kentish Town which meant you could catch a bus, shop locally and get home within an hour. Nowadays it takes an hour just to travel there and back, the road having been narrowed so much that traffic is all but at a standstill. You cannot park in Kentish Town in order to do a larger shop, browse the shops etc., without the endless line of traffic wardens waiting to pounce.

Shop locally Camden says, why on earth should we? There is nothing in Kentish Town worth the effort of getting there. The too small supermarkets that are there have to compete with the likes of Sainsbury's and Morrisons both in the area and both having parking facilities.

Then there is the endless supply of coffee shops, and food outlets. What we really do not need now is yet another one, despite the owner thinking that this is a "quirky, vibrant area" us locals would love to have some of those small independent shops back, clothes, shoes, butchers, fruit and veg

etc. Unless you make Kentish Town more attractive, more accessible you will never have more small shops available and never get people to shop locally.

So please do not allow yet another eatery in the area, we are literally choking on them, give us something that is really needed and let us hope that Transport for London puts aside the pound signs it can see in its eyes and allows the fruit and veg stall to continue supplying us with beautiful fresh produce at a reasonable price with a first class service.

Yours faithfully,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Jacquie Jeans.

Jacquie Jeans