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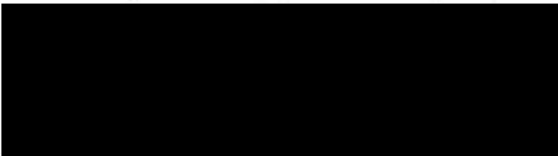


**Foxton's application at 180 Kentish Town Road NW5 2AE ref: 2014/7572/P**

I write to oppose the above planning application. While I have nothing against Foxton's, I am concerned about its arrival on the high street for these reasons:

1. The high street is in danger of being dominated by non-retail businesses that will over time force people who do most of their shopping on the high street to go elsewhere. Kentish Town Road is currently a very good place for food and household shopping and evening entertainment, with businesses creating footfall for each other. This could change quickly if the balance tipped too far away from useful businesses.
2. The character of the high street is in danger of disappearing completely if more and more picture window shopfronts replace what is there now. Once lost it is gone forever.
3. The neighbouring streets fought hard for residents' parking because it was becoming impossible to park or to have repairs or deliveries and was a source of tension between neighbours. I, at times, spent half an hour trying to find parking during the day. While Foxton's has given assurances that they will not ask for parking permits, that may change once they are settled in. Estate agents need mobility, I suspect.

While we may need estate agents once or twice in our lives, there are many other potential occupants who would bring regular benefit to the community living around Kentish Town Road. I look to Camden to encourage these kinds of businesses by its planning decisions.



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