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FAO: David Fowler

Application number: 2014/7874/P

Camden Town Hall Annexe, Argyle Street, WC1

I am the Chairman and CEO of D&D London, which is a company which owns high quality restaurants (e.g. Pont de la Tour, Bluebird, Coq D'Argent) both in London and overseas. We are set to open a substantial restaurant in the German Gymnasium in Kings Cross and I am writing to express our support for the planning application to refurbish the Camden Town Hall Annexe, which is due to be considered by Camden Council shortly.

The regeneration taking place in the area has transformed King's Cross into one of London's most exciting destinations and we believe that a high-quality hotel to be managed by an operator of the calibre of The Standard International would be a major asset in continuing that transformation.

We also fully support the design approach which has sensitively considered local architectural styles whilst proposing an exciting and high quality roof extension.

The various associated improvements to the public realm, the new food and beverage offerings and the creation of jobs would also all be very welcome and help to further boost the local economy.

We hope Camden will approve this application and continue to support the ongoing regeneration of Kings Cross.

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## Dear David

As the developer of Six Pancras Square, on the nearby King's Cross estate, we would like to express our support for the planning application to refurbish the Camden Town Hall Annexe building, which is due to be considered by Camden Council during the spring.

We believe that a high quality hotel to be run by an operator such as The Standard International would be a welcome addition and complement the hotel offer already available. With unrivalled transport connections to Europe and beyond and many new offices being built in the area, there is a real need for a new hotel in this part of King's Cross to serve the growing number of visitors to the area.

We believe that the proposed design works well with its surroundings as well as taking into consideration local architectural styles and that the creation of jobs, the various improvements to the public realm, the new food and beverage offerings would all be welcome and provide a boost to the local economy.

We hope you will therefore approve this application which will make a make a key contribution to the continuing growth of the local economy.



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