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2015/3794/P	Ms Wujek	74 St. Pauls Crescent NW1 9XZ	29/07/2015 22:31:35	COMMNT	<p>re: document AA1692C-18-07 Maiden Lane NBS Specification, section entitled Green roofs, coded Q37, dated 11 April 2014. Camden planning application number 2015/3794/P</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to you hoping you might consider the following comments. It is fantastic that the new development at Maiden lane will have a green roof. Intentionally or not, this project follows the path of the exciting Barratt housing project at Kingsbrook, Aylesbury Vale, that is nature friendly and widely talked about. I hope that you request an improvement on the specification for the green roof so that local nature can benefit to the utmost level, and the community recognises this a special project that sets a bench mark for others. I also mention a need to include people dealing with nature in this vicinity on an insider level so that they can feel included and given notice about this, and able to contribute comments to the specification. I do not think they might be aware of this green roof whilst they should. I am hoping this green roof will be built and maintained in such a way as to benefit us all for many years to come. Please take into consideration the following comments. Re 104 LIVING ROOFS - for the specification to include reference to its possible benefit to a wider area. Thus ensuring to add biodiversity and a new habitat to those birds and insects that may not find enough space to live and enough food in the nearby Camley Street Nature Reserve, Rochester Square, and Camden Square, to name a few nearby green spaces. Re: 106 PERFORMANCE OF LIVING ROOFS - for the specification to assure that natural ways of dealing with weeds will be explored before pesticides are used; and that pesticides will never be used except for late Autumn or Winter because then plants do not flower; to protect pollinators, for example possible bees visiting from the nearby Camley Street Natural Reserve. Re: 111B CONTRACTOR for the term proven track record to include reference to use of non-pesticide treatment, as per comment to section 106 Performance of Living Roofs. Re: 400A VEGETATION BLANKET FOR ROOF TYPE R01 - for the specification to be consulted with the management of the Camley Street Nature Reserve, and Camden Parks, to establish which plants would meet the needs of the birds and insects inhabiting Cantelowes and Kings Cross. Such consultation need not be expensive or time consuming - a telephone discussion and an exchange of emails could achieve a great result for the birds and insects; to give appropriate notice to the people who know so much about the nature in this area. Re: 458 BIRD PERCHES - for the Applicant to inform the RSPB about this exceptional inner city green roof and the plan to fit bird perches, with a view to give the RSPB an opportunity to have a say/advise accordingly. An opportunity to build the best possible home for nature on this green roof should not be missed; the number to call is 017 67680551 and the email is <a href="mailto:natureshome@rspb.org.uk">natureshome@rspb.org.uk</a></p> <p>I hope that the specification at the moment is not ensuring that the money invested in this green roof will be in the best interest of the local birds and insects, so that the residents can enjoy a robust green roof full of life. The specification seems too generic, whilst not much needs to be done to improve it greatly: a couple of phone calls and a few emails could bring in invaluable insight into this fantastic green roof project, to ensure the most value is gained for each pound spent behind the plants and bird perches. This project needs to have a specification that shows it will be used by the local insects and birds and generate an interest in the community. And hopefully attract some media coverage and help raise awareness. Thank you.</p>