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Response:

1. object strongly to the plans to demolish and rebuild these parts of Camden Lock Market.
1. working in Camden Market, I know of literally hundreds of people who will lose their workplace.
2. there has been no concrete offer of new space to operate the market from, and no definite assurance that we will be able to return to the rebuilt market.
3. the rent on the rebuilt market will almost surely be beyond our means, if we are ever allowed to return, we have not been assured otherwise.
4. This section of the market has been running for forty years or so, and is an enormous tourist attraction as it is, at weekends one can barely move for people. It is a hugely popular market, with a truly original feel to it. It is one of the only places of the like in London. Rebuilding will inevitably lead to higher rents, pushing out traders and small companies, thus only hosting the kind of shops everywhere else who can afford the rents.
5. The Market on the other side of the road has already been completely demolished, as well as several shops on the street. There is enough disruption to the residents of Camden with this massive building project as there is.
6. Tourists visiting Camden will be hugely disappointed if they come to the lower end of the high street to find all the usual Markets destroyed/downsized during the building work. Word will spread that the Markets are closed and revenue from tourism in Camden will inevitably plummet.
7. The buildings that are mentioned in the application have a charm with is quintessentially Camden, modernising them or rebuilding will destroy the originality and history of the space.

Londoners and Camdenites are sick and tired of having huge areas re-developed on the whims of the incredibly wealthy. We do not need this Market re-built. About 500 people may lose their workplace, and have not been sufficiently entered for during a rebuild, no matter what the council has been told. Keep the originality and the community intact- do not destroy Camden and turn it into another High Street.

