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Dear Mr McClue

Objection to planning submitted to LB Camden, plan 2015/4456/P

I wish to register my objection to the above mentioned plan, relating to the much cherished "Admiral Mann" pub.

You will note that I live in Brent outside the borough of Camden, but visit Camden frequently to shop, socialise and visit relatives in the area and have been to this pub a number of times. Under the plan, the pub will be bowdlerised by having flats built above the current pub premises which result both in less living space for the pub landlord to live in and less commercial space in the pub itself. This threatens the very existence of the pub as a going concern - as a viable business - and for this reason should not be agreed to by Camden council. The loss to Camden is measureable in terms of the ongoing employment lost, and loss of a community facility which can be a "neutral" space for residents. By neutral I mean that it can be a shared space that is not under the auspices and values of, one faith group or community, but rather is a space for everyone would be lost (the consumption of alcohol is not compulsory in pubs! indeed many pubs make more money selling coffees and food these days). There is an overarching need I daresay for more and more affordable accommodation in London, however this cannot be achieved at the price of having no supporting infrastructure for the new residents to use, and this includes commercial/retail premises that make a positive contribution to a community (as well as GP surgeries, schools, shops, etc). Some very affluent areas in London are now blighted by second home owners/investors and the local shops, restaurants, businesses and facilities can be lost to the people who permanently live there and need/use them: local Councils need to play a part in building up and promoting their communities and businesses. Were flats to be constructed as envisaged then the residents above the pub could have a compromised quality of life (noise nuisance), whereas I think the pub is situated a reasonable distance from the existing flats and the business does not adversely impact the current local residents. I will not pretend there is any great architectural merit to the pub but its off-main street location and current size mean it is a viable local pub if simply left alone and it is an "asset of community value", and not just for drinkers, because of that. Let me know if you require any further information.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and thank you for your time.

yours faithfully
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