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Camden Borough Council  
Planning Services  
Town Hall  
Argyle Street  
Camden  
London  
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**Our Ref** BWYS-PLAN-2016-19200-1  
**Your Ref** 2016/0010/P

Dear Mr Marfleet

**The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**

**Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004**

**Application No: 2016/0010/P**

**Proposal: Installation of 18 free standing directional signs in various locations across the Kings Cross Central site.**

**Location: Kings Cross Central York Way, London, N1C 4AB**

**Waterway: Regent's Canal**

Thank you for your consultation dated 07 January 2016 in respect of the above, and for the additional time to respond.

The Canal & River Trust is a statutory consultee under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity. It is separate from government but still the recipient of a significant amount of government funding.

The Trust has a range of charitable objects including:

- To hold in trust or own and to operate and manage inland waterways for public benefit, use and enjoyment;
- To protect and conserve objects and buildings of heritage interest;
- To further the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment of inland waterways; and
- To promote sustainable development in the vicinity of any inland waterways for the benefit of the public.

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After due consideration of the application details, the Canal & River Trust has the following **comments** to make:

We have no objection to the proposed design of the wayfinding signs, and agree with the positioning of most of them.

However, we are concerned about the positioning of No.14. This is very close to the boundary with the towpath, which is narrow in this area. The landscaping works around the Gasholder Park will help to widen this shared space, and it would therefore be unfortunate to restrict it again with a large sign. The bridge allows creates a narrowing of the path, as well as the towpath edge, where there is an historic inlet detail in this location. The towpath is increasingly busy in this area, with cyclists and pedestrians, and we are keen that as much width as possible is created and that pinch points are limited.

We would therefore suggest that this sign should be set back further from the water's edge, and be set behind the line of the adjacent building and Gasholder structure.

We are hoping to meet with the applicant and discuss this matter further.

If the Council is minded to grant planning permission, it is requested that the following informatives be attached to the decision notice:

*Informatives*

*"The applicant/developer should refer to the current "Code of Practice for Works affecting the Canal & River Trust" to ensure that any necessary consents are obtained (<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/business-and-trade/undertaking-works-on-our-property-and-our-code-of-practice>)."*

*"The applicant/developer is advised that any encroachment or access onto the canal towpath requires written consent from the Canal & River Trust, and they should contact the Canal & River Trust's Estates Surveyor, Jonathan Young ([jonathan.young@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.young@canalrivertrust.org.uk)) regarding the required access agreement."*

In addition, in order for the Canal & River Trust to monitor our role as a statutory consultee, please send me a copy of the decision notice.

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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