

## **King's Cross Development Forum**

### **Planning reference number 2016/0288/P**

“Reserved matters for Camley Bridge, a new pedestrian and cycle bridge and ramp over the Regent's Canal and through the northern end of the Camley Street Natural Park, from King's Cross Central to Camley Street, with associated landscaping including removal of existing trees and replanting of shrubs and trees as required by conditions 6, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 31, 45, 55, 56, 64-67 of outline planning permission reference 2004/2307/P dated 22/12/06 (subject to S106 agreement) for a comprehensive, phased, mixed-use development of former railway lands within the King's Cross Opportunity Area.”

### **Response by the Forum**

The King's Cross Development Forum welcomes this proposal. The design appears structurally elegant and thoughtful, with its steel trough girder leading gently to the ramp around the Natural Park. The parapets are skilfully minimised and graceful. It makes no claim to be an “icon”, a “flagship” or a “gateway” despite its position at an entry to the area. It is simply well mannered and well conceived in its attempt to solve the technical, regulatory and environmental problems associated with the limited permitted gradient, the occupancy of the Natural Park and the security of the Cruising Club.

The architect dealt with various of the concerns raised at a meeting of the Forum before the submission of the planning application. There remain doubts about whether the compromise on the night closure and lighting of the bridge is the best possible, and about how the necessarily awkward junction with Camley Street will work in practice.