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Dear Mr McClue,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Bangor Wharf planning application for the following reasons.

First, I'm very concerned about what the development will do to the local wildlife population on the canal. The proposed buildings will plunge this area of the canal into darkness which is detrimental to wildlife and plant life, as well as to the local residents. This blocking out of light may sound trivial, but it's happening all along the canal.

Second, the development proposal makes no reference to the fact that the site can be used as a wharf, for which it was originally built. This would provide road access to the canal, something that is unusual in London, so would provide ample opportunity for canal related industry and commerce. In accordance with this, the Blue Ribbon Network Plan has therefore not been considered, as their policies highlight that these sort of ideas should be always considered in canalised development.

Third, this scheme is only delivering a limited amount of supposed affordable housing, so it would seem that the negative effects of this development would outlay the possible positives.

Fourth, the plans need to make clear what will be provided for itinerant boaters. This is a place where many narrowboats pass through, and temporary mooring places should be included. In addition, the developers should be providing facilities for boaters, such as water taps, bins and elsan points, as part of the development where boaters can at least temporarily moor and use said facilities. These small additions make a huge difference to boaters.

Finally, the scheme provides little information about what benefits the canal itself will have. Rather, the scheme focuses on exploiting the benefits of the canal. Perhaps the scheme should consider the repairs that the canal needs.

Thank you for your time.

Hazel Tocock