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From: Dave Mendes da Costa [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 April 2016 16:01
To: McClue, Jonathan
Cc: Helen Brice
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Dear Mr McClue,

I am writing in regards to the planned development of Bangor Wharf by One Housing Group which is currently seeking planning permission.

I am a member of the London Branch of the National Bargee Travellers Association (NBTA) which represents several hundred people in the London area who live on their boats. One of the key issues which we face in London, and nationally, is a relative lack of facilities for boaters ranging from the simple (taps, refuse, toilets, showers, elsan disposal, oil and battery disposal) to the more complex (community dry docks, boat yards, workshops).

The NBTA London is actively working to find solutions to this lack of facilities and sees developments such as Bangor Wharf as a key opportunity for new services to be offered to canal users. In this regard, we have been engaging with One Housing Group to see the inclusion of some basic facilities on the site. In particular, we have signaled our wish for provision of a tap (along with the ability to temporarily moor at the site to use it), bins and elsan disposal.

One Housing Group has been relatively positive about the idea of a tap and mooring space however they have stopped short of making a commitment to this in their plans. In regards to refuse, One Housing Group have said that there is not space by the canal for this. This is not a satisfactory response as whilst the tap would need to be situated near the canal, the bins would not need to be as boaters are more than able to carry their rubbish to a bin anywhere on the site. One Housing Group has not given a view on elsan disposal.

The NBTA London are concerned that the Blue Ribbon Network policies of the London Plan do not appear to have been followed at Bangor Wharf and would like to see a written commitment to the provision of facilities for boaters using the Regent's Canal at the site.

Indeed we think that this request is really rather modest given the significant potential the site has for canal based commerce and industry were it to be developed as a functioning wharf.

We are not looking to formally object to the plans however we would like you to be informed of the conversations which have taken place and would suggest that Camden Council request for a commitment from One Housing Group for the provision of such simple and low cost facilities as a necessary condition of any planning agreement on this site.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like any more details or have any questions.

Kind regards,

Dave Mendes da Costa

cc. Helen Brice, Chair, NBTALondon