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Dear Mr McClue

As a Camden resident who regularly uses the stretch of Regents Canal in question, I would like to object to Objection to Planning Application Number 2016/1117/P on the following grounds:

1. The proposal is seriously out of scale with the surrounding buildings (especially Georgiana Street) and visually unsympathetic to the Conservation Area. The tallest of the buildings is effectively seven storeys above lowpath level.
2. The whole scheme will seriously overshadow the Canal to the detriment of wildlife and general amenity.
3. Low-cost housing would be welcome, but the proportion of affordable housing seems to be small compared with the scale of the scheme and there are no guarantees of whether it would actually be affordable to local residents, so this benefit is highly questionable.
4. I have real concerns about the loss of daylight and sunlight, despite the claims of the daylight and sunlight study. Post development only 50 per cent of the area will benefit from direct sunlight for approximately 2 hours a day. This will be to the detriment of this popular section of the canal, which is well used and valued by all because it is open light and airy.
5. The proposals for open space being offered for public access are lamentable. It will be a harsh uninviting urban setting with very restricted views and little or no suitable softening planting. The walkways are too narrow. There will be a significant loss of public amenity.
5. The loss of trees is unacceptable because of the impact on wildlife and the trees' ability to absorb CO2 and other noxious gases in an already highly polluted part of Camden.
7. The increase in boat moorings along Regents Canal has done much to improve the atmosphere and safety along formerly desolate stretches. The proposed development would mean the loss of opportunity to improve the use of this stretch of canal for boats.

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