I am writing on behalf of Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum (KTNF). KTNF cannot support this application for the change of use from retail (Class A1) to hot food take away (Class A5) at 167 Kentish Town Road for the following reason.

Please refer to Policy SW2 of the adopted Kentish Town Neighbourhood Plan - "Change of Use proposals that result in less than 60% of the premises being in A1 Retail usage in Secondary Shopping Frontages will be resisted".

The current parade comprises 9 units of which 6 we believe are in Class 1A use (we have assumed that the "Doppio" coffee shop business is A1 rather than A3). This represents 67% currently in A1 use.

Were the change of use to be granted to 167 Kentish Town Road, this would reduce the number of units in A1 use to 5 or 56%. Consequently this application does not meet the Policy outlined in Policy SW2 referred to above.

We would also like to point out that the applicant has not provided any evidence to show that the current A1 use is not viable as required under Policy SW2.

Separately, we would also mention that the applicant's reference to Policy SW1 is not relevant in this case. This policy is aimed at protecting Class B1 premises suitable for small businesses.

We therefore consider this application should not succeed.

Kind regards

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