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24th October 2017

Ms Jennifer Walsh
Camden Borough Council
2nd Floor
5 Pancras Square
C/o Town Hall
Judd Street
London
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Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2017-23410
Your Ref 2017/4642/P

Dear Ms Walsh,

Proposal: Reserved matters relating to revised landscaping to Granary Square and Stable Street to reconfigure part of Stable Street and the bridge connecting Granary Square to Goods Way to become a shared surface for pedestrians and cyclists as required by conditions 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18-23, 31, 56 and 64-67 of outline planning permission reference 2004/2307/P granted 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

Location: Granary Square Public Open Space and, Stable Street,

Waterway: Regent's Canal

Thank you for your consultation.

The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) is the guardian of 2,000 miles of historic waterways across England and Wales. We are among the largest charities in the UK. Our vision is that "living waterways transform places and enrich lives". We are a statutory consultee in the development management process.

The Trust has reviewed the application. This is our substantive response under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Based upon the information available we have the following general advice to offer:

While the Trust has no objection to the principle of the proposed works, we would seek reassurance that there will be measures in place to ensure that buried remains of canal-related structures, in particular the historic infilled basin, are not disturbed by any works (including engineering or contamination site investigations (SI), earthworks and excavation of service trenches), and that no works are undertaken that would compromise any opportunities in the future to restore the basin as an operational amenity and visitor attraction (however unrealistic such an initiative might seem today). The Earthworks and Remediation Plan, that forms part of the submission, cites (on page 4) the Arup archaeology chapter of the Environmental Statement (2004), but there is no mention of any safeguarding of historic buried structures,

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whose geometry and extent should be well-known from documentary sources (e.g. historic maps and engineers' drawings) from the proposed contractors' works.

If the Council is minded to grant planning permission, it is requested that the following informative be attached to the decision notice:

"The applicant/developer should refer to the current "Code of Practice for Works affecting the Canal & River Trust" to ensure that any necessary consents are obtained (<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/business-and-trade/undertaking-works-on-our-property-and-our-code-of-practice>)."

In addition, in order for the Canal & River Trust to monitor our role as a statutory consultee, please send me a copy of the decision notice.

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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