



Dear Jennifer,

I'm responding to your consultation on the above development on behalf of the Inland Waterways Association. Please accept my apologies for the late response; I have waited until the subject could be discussed at our bi-monthly committee meeting.

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) was founded in 1946 to campaign for the use, restoration and development of Britain's inland waterways. Total personal membership is 16,000. In addition, membership includes Associated Organisations and Corporate Members, covering some 250,000 people, all of whom have an interest in, or involvement with, the Inland Waterway network.

Generally, we welcome the opening up of an active frontage to the canal on this site and consider it an appropriate location for taller buildings. However, we support the comments of the Canal and River Trust (CRT) in relation to the possibility of further opening up the active frontage and to minimising the loss of sunlight onto the canal. The statement in the application claiming very limited loss is not supported by evidence and needs further proof/consideration.

We welcome the commitment to evaluate use of the canal during demolition and construction and recommend that this be made a binding condition.

We note the suggestion that mooring "points" will be provided alongside the site. In principle we welcome these but, in view of the growth of informal mooring opposite the site on the towpath side, we would wish to be assured that these would be agreed with CRT by in the context of a developed London Mooring Strategy and that the navigable width of the canal would not be further constricted.

Kind Regards,  
Rod Gray  
IWA N&E London Planning Officer.