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Dear Ms Litherland

**Planning Application Number 2018/2441/P  
Unit 4 Coal Drops Yard (Western Coal Drop), King's Cross London**

The prominent southern gable end of the former Western Coal Drops is one of the very distinctive features remaining of the former Goods Yard and an essential element within the Regent's Canal Conservation Area.

This proposal for a roof structure over a restaurant bar to be built in front of the gable end would be very intrusive and would interfere with appreciation of the distinctive shape of the Coal Drop building. Such a construction was not a part of the planning permission for the conversion of the coal drops or envisioned in that scheme. It matters not that the construction will be relatively light and will not completely hide the gable - it will still intrude severely on the view and should not be permitted. The visualisations have tried hard to play down its effect from their choices of view and are misleading.

Although a temporary consent is sought, once established it is unlikely that continued consent would be withheld.

Yours sincerely,

  
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