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2018/1968/P	Helen Connor, Head Teacher	06/10/2018 15:49:50	COMMNT	Primrose Hill Primary School's application for a floating barge classroom is fully supported by Rhyl Primary School. This will be an excellent learning resource not only for the childrne at Primrose Hill but also at otehr local schools who will have greatly widended opportunities to learn throgh the local environment. this is a unique and creative learning opportunity which will provide enhanced experiences for children who have limited access to environmental learning due to their circumstances. it will be especially beneficial for those children who find it more difficult to learn through more traditional indoor experiences and will enable them to fully access a diverse and broad curriculum which will support their learning in all areas.
2018/1968/P	Richard Simpson for Primrose Hill CAAC	08/10/2018 18:08:00	OBJ	<p>ADVICE from Primrose Hill Conservation Area Advisory Committee 12A Manley Street, London NW1 8LT 1 October 2018</p> <p>Barge on Regents Canal to rear of Primrose Hill Primary School Princess Road NW1 8JL 2018/1968/P</p> <p>While we are sympathetic to the educational use of a barge on the Canal adjacent to the school, it is important that it is consistent with both the character and appearance of the conservation area and the residential amenity which is part of that character and appearance.</p> <p>In terms of use, the uses of the barge should be limited to direct educational uses during normal school hours. Private hire, parties, filming, and other uses should not be permitted. The Canal provides a peaceful haven within the conservation area: such uses would be harmful to its character.</p> <p>In terms of location, the barge should be adjacent to the access gate in the boundary wall. This should assist safety for the children, and residential amenity of neighbours.</p> <p>We understand that a permanent mooring would be required, and that this would, in turn, require a utility bollard. On stretches of the Canal where these bollards are installed they are seriously obstructive to cyclists, wheel-chair users, and others with limited mobility. The PHCAAC has supported and promoted access to the Canal towpath over many years and would strongly object to harm to accessibility.</p> <p>We would want to ensure that if the permanent mooring were to be ended, the mooring would revert to temporary use.</p> <p>We would be happy to discuss solutions to these objections.</p> <p>Richard Simpson FSA Chair</p>

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2018/1968/P	Berry Casey	04/10/2018 10:08:01	OBJ	<p>As a resident of Waterside Place for over 42 years I have seen many changes in Primrose Hill in general, and the towpath in particular. It was disappointing to note in the light of objections to the proposed Floating Classroom planning application a respondent described residents as Nimbys. This was both ill-informed and inaccurate. All four of my own children attended Primrose Hill Primary School and recently my grand-children have also benefited from the progressive teaching philosophy of the school.</p> <p>I, and the majority of our close neighbours have been impressed and indeed welcomed the school's recent initiatives relating to both the new classroom for two year olds and the recent floating classroom concept. Both are imaginative and represent a wonderful opportunity for the Primrose Hill Primary School children, (and indeed those from other local schools) to enhance their broader educational experiences.</p> <p>Our concerns are with the modus operandi relating to the planning approval for both these projects. We were dismayed how the planning for the classroom was bull-dozed through without any real consultation with the school's near neighbours; (principally residents of Waterside Place), who were not engaged despite the fact that the school's high roof would end up looming over our courtyard.</p> <p>There have been better communications with neighbours regarding the barge; indeed we have met with the school on a number of occasions, during which there were clear assurances given that this floating classroom was conceived purely for educational purposes. Periods of use would be restricted to school hours, and the location of the barge would be 3.5 metres from the border of Waterside Place.</p> <p>Since then, it was disappointing to see the school's planning application has been latterly amended to allow commercial lettings without any specific use or time constraints. The agreed hours of usage have been extended without being agreed, and the designated location has been referred to as 'approximately' despite 3.5 metres from Waterside Place being specifically agreed.</p> <p>This leaves the majority of residents very wary of the school's real motives and tactics, and I have reluctantly decided that there is no alternative but to strenuously oppose this entire project.</p> <p>The towpath has seen dramatic changes in the last forty years. Being open to the public has meant this stretch of the canal has become a focal point for substantial numbers of tourists who enjoy this unique part of London, particularly during the summer months. Unfortunately, despite there being clearly designated cycle lanes installed in Princess Road, this relatively narrow stretch of the towpath is also heavily used by cyclists, sometimes travelling at reckless speeds. This means that if the barge is not placed immediately outside the school rear gate, children, forced to walk along the towpath will be unnecessarily exposed to the hazards of high numbers of pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>The canal is much noisier in several ways; both throughout the day from the significantly increased number of vessels going from Camden to Maida Vale, but particularly from revelers along the canal, often into the early hours. Adding to this increasing noise if the barge is let out to parties who are nothing to do with the school would be a regrettable mistake.</p> <p>Berry Casey</p>

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2018/1968/P	Nicholas Hytner	02/10/2018 16:26:04	OBJEMPER	<p>I support the use of the barge for educational purposes but cannot support the application as it currently stands. I am a resident of St Mark's Crescent and I share the concerns of other residents of St Mark's Crescent and Waterside Place about the intention to exploit the barge commercially - an intention that was absent from the school's first communications about the barge. I note the response of the School Business Manager to these concerns: "We do not intend to obtain the licenses needed to permit the selling or consumption of alcohol on this barge. This is a floating classroom and its purpose is to be part of children's educational experience, not as a means to generate funds by selling alcohol." But I think this response falls short of the kind of guarantee that would allay residents' fears. The tow path has become a magnet for antisocial, sometimes violent, behaviour in recent years and I urge the planning committee to consider explicit formal restrictions on the use of the barge.</p>
