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**Subject:** Comment on the Primrose Hill Primary school barge application

I not unhappy with the school's application for educational use within school hours only. I am strongly opposed to any and all private hire out of school hours.

The school has not supplied sufficient factual information as to how they will operate this barge for education use if the application is granted. Details such as health and safety, the training for the barge pilot, the identity of the barge pilot, a utilities station on the towpath, how the on-board toilets if any will be serviced, how the children will access the barge and from where, plus more technical details remain unanswered and unwritten. These should be requested by LBC planning dept before they can consider the application properly.

The school keeps on changing what it says about the use of the barge. At first local residents were told it would not be for private hire or use, then vague statements about use for the community, other schools and the Pirate Castle were inserted into their website, and now it seems to want to have private hire of any sort to a great degree at any time.

This is unacceptable, not only on control of health and safety grounds, but for local residents this would be too intrusive. Any private hire would inevitably involve music and alcohol, no details of a barge pilot or staff for outside hire events have been given, nor details of access for the people coming for private hire events etc.

There is already too much disturbance of local residents with private hire of parts of the school especially at weekends. The school has a bad record of informing local residents about such events and about building work and its operational hours at the school. In summary, their relationship with local residents is not good under this headmaster. I have lived for thirty-six years and have never objected before to any of it activities.

In addition the canal towpath has many problems with other barge users and anti-social behaviour at all hours by pedestrians. It is difficult to see how private use of this barge outside school hours and at weekends and evenings will not exacerbate these already insuperable problems. The low staff levels of the Canal & River Trust as well as its inability to be involved in controlling anti-social behaviour or protecting the canal area for local residents to use makes this application for private hire even more problematical.

For this reason I urge you to restrict the use of this barge, if you grant permission, to school hours on school days only. I propose that the following conditions are attached to any planning permission granted:

The barge at the school canalside hereby permitted shall not be used outside the following times 08:00 to 16:00 Mondays to Fridays during school term dates and no activities on evenings, week-ends/bank holidays.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies CS5 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP26 and DP28 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development

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No music shall be played on the canalside barge premises in such a way as to be audible within

any adjoining premises or on the adjoining highway.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies CS5 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP26 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

Yours,

Pam White