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2020/1637/P		18/04/2020 10:38:27	OBJ	I live locally. In central London we are assaulted on all sides by amplified music and sound. I storngly object a further extension of this in the Hawley Wharf development. It is unnecessary. It is unwanted. I note that they have already been installed - Camden, wake up! to unnecessary amplified sound and demand that the speakers be removed. I Object!
2020/1637/P		18/04/2020 15:08:37	COMMNT	I object strongly on grounds of noise pollution.
2020/1637/P		19/04/2020 08:28:51	OBJNOT	<p>This cynical etrospective Planning application will add ambient noise to the area, including two new blocks to be built beside these new market arches.</p> <p>If you want to object to this extra and unnecessary noise encroachment of our area, this is the application, with the link to the comments page on the site:</p> <p>Retail Arches at Hawley Wharf Land bounded by Chalk Farm Road, Castlehaven Road and Hawley Road London NW1 8RP Installation of 34 wall mounted speakers to the railway arches shopfronts at fascia level and associated works [retrospective].</p> <p>Application number: 2020/1637/P Application type: Full Planning Permission</p>

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2020/1637/P		18/04/2020 15:01:14	OBJ	<p>I wish to object in the strongest possible way to this retrospective application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is typical and cynical of large developers as is Market Tech or Stanley Sidings, their subsidiary, to install these speakers before planning permission is applied for. It is not a 'Commercial Minor Alteration' but a major intrusion into local life and thus a major part of this development.</li> <li>2. Ambient noise from the Camden markets is already very high and to put up speakers to play music will only add other ambient noise and be intolerable.</li> <li>3. the noise assessment is completely irrelevant as it seeks to justify the levels of noise when, whatever the level of this extra noise, it is an additional noise to what is already caused by the market stalls. In addition the eleven hours of operation are too long and go on too late. They state these are normal retail hours but normal retail hours do not continue until 9pm.</li> </ol> <p>I quote below from their noise assessment:  "The music to be played over the proposed speaker system is to provide an enjoyable background level of music for guests using the arches retail areas only. The level of music noise is not expected to be above the normal ambient level of noise of other sources in the area (including guests of the retail areas) and will be controlled with restrictions on hours of operation and maximum volume levels.</p> <p>Should the level of music noise need to be adjusted when fully operational, or anytime in the future, then this will be possible but will be within the approved noise limits. The speakers will be controlled from a central location by the landlord, which includes the capability of setting the music noise level via a hard limiter."</p> <p>The music noise will not be enjoyable to anyone outside the market, especially local residents, who will doubtless suffer from it. To say that controls or limiters will be used is something which LBC will not regularly and efficiently monitor as the Noise Enforcement dept is not fit for purpose and a member of the public complaining is merely asked to 'keep a diary' of the noise. Clearly Camden does not have the resources to positively deal with excess noise in the borough already and this will not be any different.</p> <p>To say the operators will control or limit the noise is again cynical and, taking into account LBC's Noise Enforcement policy, they know well that this will never be enforced.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. they say this noise is "not expected to be above the normal ambient level of noise of other sources in the area". this again is irrelevant as the noise will be EXTRA to the already existing ambient noise and therefore there these should be refused permission.</li> <li>5. 34 speakers also seem to be excessive in this small area.</li> <li>6. the Design &amp; Access Statement states that:  "The introduction of speakers and the playing of music in the area will bring vitality and animation to the site making it a vibrant and interesting place to visit for a wide range of visitors, supporting the function of the area for retail, food and beverage.'</li> </ol>

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If the developers cannot run their market stalls without music in a vibrant and interesting way with vitality and animation, this is not something LBC should be involved in. The market and its stalls are a blight on most of the surrounding areas' residential roads and the number of visitors do not seem to care whether music is played or not. They will still come in their thousands to the markets. these market stalls and speakers will soon be adjacent to new residential flats so the noise there will be undesirable.

7.. The application quotes LBC noise policy which may not take into account the large amount of noise already in place in these markets on a daily basis. Camden residents have the right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their residencies and this intrusion of a large number of speakers playing music in the area or beside residential property for eleven hours of the day is quite intolerable. For these reason I urge you to refuse this cheeky application.

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