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Attention Laura Hazelton via E-mail: [laura.hazelton@camden.gov.uk](mailto:laura.hazelton@camden.gov.uk)

**Re: OBJECTION : 2020/5850/L and 2020/5789/A Terrace Around First Floor Horse Hospital, Stables Market**

I am writing as an architect and local resident, and one of Camden's 12 nominated resident representatives to the Hawley Wharf Client Liaison Group. As such I have been involved in all meetings and discussions with LabTech over the years, including the current application. I am also a member of TRACT and as such am fully supportive of the detailed objection that Kate Gemmell has made on our behalf.

The TRACT objection focuses on licensing hours and noise. I wish to concentrate on the visual appearance of the proposals. To my mind everything that LabTech have done to date in and around Stables Market has been of a high visual quality using appropriate materials, in keeping with the industrial character of the site and the listed buildings within. They have "preserved and enhanced" the area and TRACT's only quarrels have been related to the proliferation of alcohol licences.

The Committee may be impressed by the sheer quantity of detailed work that has been submitted, but should not be distracted by this. The Committee's decision need only be based on one perspective, which says it all:

7.7 IMPRESSION FROM CORNER OF CHALK FARM ROAD



I find it tragic that so much effort has been spent in producing such a tasteless and vulgar solution for the use of the terrace surrounding a Grade II listed building. A mass of galvanised steel, "inspired by contemporary stable design", painted in copper coloured paint, and completely obscuring the Horse Hospital behind. The fact that the designs claim to have been developed in consultation with Camden's Planners, takes one's mind back to the monstrous brick arch scheme produced by Make for the Hawley Wharf re-development. Thankfully that scheme was refused permission, but only because a local architect produced an alternative scheme to demonstrate just how dreadful it was.

On a technical note, you have never been able to successfully paint galvanised steel, whatever primer was used, the paint rapidly flaking off. Sadly, today's polyester powder coatings have proved little more durable, and also flake off after a very limited period. So just imagine what this structure will look like in a few years.

LabTech are constantly telling us that alcohol consumption is reducing, yet here we have yet another proposal for a huge drinking area, alongside those already proposed within the Horse Hospital building.

I believe that these design proposals will cause irreparable visual harm to the area and the listed buildings adjacent. If a licensed drinking area is considered necessary then I believe that a more appropriate design should be proposed, not one that turns the area into a cheap fairground. I plead with you to refuse the application as submitted.

Yours sincerely

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