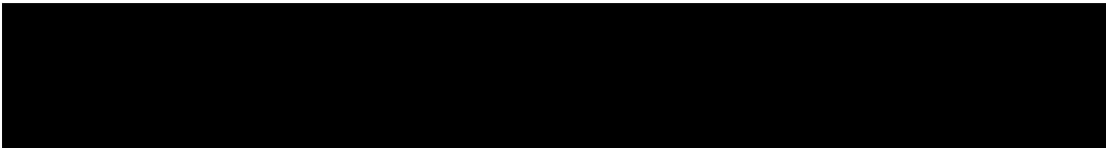


**Subject:** Camden Highline Objection



RE: 2022/2019/P : Camden Highline Land between Kentish Town Road and Royal College Street including Camden Gardens and 223 Royal College Street and Camden Road Railway Station Camden Road London NW1 9LS

As a local resident (of Bonny Street) for over 25 years I am writing, to seek strict planning conditions on the above application.

Although in principle I like the idea of a 'park in the sky' (especially now the canal path to Kings Cross has been pretty much taken over by cyclists) I feel the detail of what it is trying to be, how it is going to be funded and what contribution it will make to the local community are very important.

**Events**

My main objections to the plans are to the proposed event spaces and stage which are completely unacceptable in an area which is so heavily residential and relatively quiet compared to the centre of Camden Town. The idea that a stage with raked seating for 90 people with music and amplified voice would not cause noise nuisance to residents is patently ridiculous. The second event space is for 120 people. It is perfectly possible that Camden Highline would rent them out together for a large event for over 200 people .It is an insult to residents' intelligence to suggest that this would not cause us disturbance.

Looking at the financial plans it's clear that events and filming are being posited as the main answer to the funding challenges the Highline faces, to the obvious detriment of the residents.

**Security and Ant-social behaviour:**

We already suffer from serious anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in our streets - I don't see any mention of how the highline and Camden Gardens is to be policed and made secure. Plus the design of the stair access in Camden Gardens appears to provide relatively easy access to those determined to behave anti-socially.

**Balconies**

The proposal for 'woodland balconies' is also intrusive. The one proposed to look over Prowse Place will compromise the privacy of Nos. 9 & 10 Ivor Street while the balcony onto Royal College Street will also look directly over to residential properties.

**Prowse Place arches**

Turning the arches in Prowse Place into events space managed by Camden Highline is completely unacceptable.

**Summary**

In conclusion I object to this planning application as it stands and I hope the council will back the people who live here and consider *as a minimum* the following conditions of any planning approval:

1. **No events at any time outside the park opening hours**
2. **No licenced areas at any time**
3. **No noise amplified voice or music at any time (live or recorded)**
4. **A redesign of the access stair in Camden Gardens to prevent anti-social behaviour and climbing up to the Highline out of hours.**
5. **No noise to emanate from the premises, to stop noise nuisance to local residents**
6. **A detailed plan of how anti-social behaviour will be actively prevented and policed.**

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