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Subject: FW: KTNF Consultee letter for PlanningApplication Application: 2022/2019/P

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Dear Patrick,

The Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum is generally supportive of this application. The Highline will provide a new green space and ecological diversity in a very urban area. As well as offering recreational and relaxation space it will provide a new pedestrian travel corridor. It's true that the canal follows a very similar route but the canal path does get quite congested with a lot of cycle traffic so the Highline should offer an attractive and more peaceful alternative.

As well as providing a new amenity for local residents it should attract visitors from further afield. We note that a similar development in New York helped regenerate the neighbourhood and it seems reasonable to hope that the Camden Highline could have the same effect.

We were pleased to see the inclusion of a passenger lift in Camden Gardens as this will ensure that the Highline is accessible to people with mobility difficulties, as well as people with prams, buggies etc.

However, we were somewhat concerned to see that the underlying business model is not yet decided. The application offers a number of different possibilities but at present it seems there is no certainty over the funding, including the long-term maintenance and upkeep. This presents a risk that the Highline could become run down and neglected - or monetised to an unacceptable degree involving extended opening hours and noisy entertainment to the detriment of local residents and businesses.

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We would therefore suggest to have a viable finance model in place and agreed before planning permission is granted and the works start - underpinned by a commitment from Camden to fund any shortfall to cover the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Highline.

Kind regards

Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum

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