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From: Planning Support
Subject: FW: Comment Received from Public Access

Application Reference No. : HGY/2020/0847
Site Address: Lock Keepers Cottages Ferry Lane London N17 9NE
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Submission: Objection

Comments: The planned development is on a narrow strip of land between a canal and an auxiliary water channel that in turn is between two large buildings and seems to be trying to drive as much value from a narrow strip of land rather than provide a genuine benefit to the area. On principle, the lock itself benefits aesthetically from the existing cottage with historic ties to its function, rather than a 6 story building primarily designed to command maximum rent and lease prices through being placed closely next to water. The fact that there will be a cafe in the Cityside Rise detracts from the need for one in this planned building, which would have limited benefit in any case given the existing cafe we have in our development which has been struggling enough with decreased footfall due to COVID will surely only have their prospects reduced further. The planned building detracts from the welcome diversity of scenery and will mean that our previously private windows will be overlooked by properties at eye level across the road. The building work that has been carried out recently on the other side of the canal has already been disruptive to home life, at a time when we have to work from home, and having a building site opposite will magnify this tenfold, with noise reverberating down the channel between the existing buildings. Human voices are already magnified by echoing between the buildings and building works will be unbearable. Please consider the context of creating 13 new properties at significant disruption and distress to over 600 nearby residents. Thank you