

RE: TRACT deputation to 26 February 2024 Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Co-signatories:

1. Kentish Town Road Action
2. Delancey Street Residents Association
3. Gloucester Crescent, Regents Park Terrace, Inverness Street and Oval Road Residents Association
4. Harmood, Clarence, Hartland Residents Association
5. Cresta House Residents Association
6. Brenda Gardner CCA
7. Camden Square Neighbourhood Association
8. Bonny Street RA
9. Mornington District Association
10. Jeffreys Street CAAC
11. Inkerman Area Residents Association
12. Primrose Hill RA

My name is Kate Gemmell, and I am chair of TRACT (Tenants and Residents Associations Camden Town) and I am also representing the views of the residents' groups listed at the top of my deputation.

This deputation is regarding agenda item 6: CAMDEN EVENING AND NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY REPORT (SC/2024/02). The document you are invited to scrutinise has been developed without proper process and consultation.

The Mayor of London has set out clear guidance on how to develop a Night-time Strategy. From the outset this has not been properly followed. A balanced approach is recommended.

Key stakeholders should include TRA's from all Camden wards if balance and consultation is indeed the aim of the Council.

In reaching out to TRA's borough wide we have not found any who were aware of the proposed Evening & Night-time Strategy.

TRACT represent Camden Town which is a cumulative impact area with huge numbers of visitors during the day and night. Residents are impacted day and night by the number of visitors and the number of late-night venues and bars. There is excessive noise day and night as well as crime and other issues, yet this strategy seeks expansion rather than

to improve the quality of experience for all.

Residents would like to see a more dynamic and diverse offering in the area with more family friendly options and investment in community spaces for our children and teenagers. This is also clear from the Citizens Assembly.

A much-needed balanced approach has been omitted from this strategy document which, of course, exposes all key stakeholders, particularly residents, to risks that could have been mitigated.

We would like the committee to recommend that the document as it currently stands is withdrawn to allow a fully review with all key stakeholders in the iterative process recommended by the London Mayor.

Yours sincerely,

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Kate Gemmell
TRACT Chair

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