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HC1 B3 '*Contribute to significance and sense of place*'. Without overwhelming it, as in the case of P2016/4805/FUL (Plan submitted to Islington Council).

HC1 B4 '*Positive benefit/social well being*'. The following must be taken into consideration:

- a) the proximity to existing residential properties
- b) height and mass affecting existing residential properties
- c) light exclusion to existing residential properties

HC1 C '*Seek to avoid harm early on in design process*'. This needs to be mandatory.

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1. Canal & Rivers Trust should be made to enforce their own rule regarding the use of smokeless fuels (ie no coal or wood) by the narrow boats moored along the Regent's canal towpath. At present the air is thick with dangerous particulates both from the stoves on board and the diesel engines.
2. The greening of the Regent's Canal needs to continue with more floating rafts for nesting wild fowl. The pruning of hedgerows and undergrowth to take into consideration nesting birds. Tidying up of this kind only to be done in the autumn.
3. Consideration to be shown to residents living along the canal. In line with CRT's rule of no generator noise from moored boats between 8pm and 8am, any future developments along the canal whether towpath or off side, should abide by the same ruling.
4. Any future developments, either towpath or off side should not exceed the current height of existing buildings. Canyonisation should be strictly forbidden.
5. Pressure needs to be put on CRT to ensure boaters do not discharge human waste into the canal.

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- It is essential that the peace and tranquility of the Regent's Canal is maintained for the health and well being of those residents living along it.
- Improve the air quality by banning the use of coal and wood burning on canal boats
- Protect the urban canal environment by restricting over commercialisation such as at Camden Lock, which has led to environmental damage especially during the summer months from garbage being thrown into the canal. Restrict the sale of drinks in plastic bottles which harm wildlife.
- Conserve historic buildings from the developers. Ensure Historic England are involved where possible. Limit height of new buildings to that of existing ones.

- Noise should be restricted in the residential areas the canal passes through. 8pm to 8am quiet time should be the norm.
- Although volunteers do a good job removing rubbish from the canal, to guarantee a pollution free environment a permanent, paid team needs to be in place.
- Boaters should be fined if found emptying human waste into the canal.

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CRT's proposed London Mooring Strategy is attempting to find extra mooring places along the Regent's Canal. However under the terms of its Charitable Status CRT is not a Housing Association. Its primary raison d'etre is navigation. Whatever one feels about the lack of housing in London, CRT is not there to provide it, nor is it a branch of Social Services. Too much leniency is given to boaters who overstay. In places a fortnight becomes a month and nothing is done to enforce movement. These boats are the waterway bed blockers. Enforce the rules and there will be more spaces to moor.

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SI17 B The open character of the canal should not be compromised by the proliferation of glass tow blocks destroying the ambience of the environment.

SI 17 C-E Residential moorings should be sited away from residential housing to restrict possible friction between stakeholders.

9.17.2 Please add the words.. *'nor the peace, tranquility and well being of those living in residential properties alongside the canal'*. Cafes and restaurants should **never** be sited where they could disturb permanent residents.

9.17.3 Please add the words...*'the discharge of human waste into the canal'*