

LET THE SMALLER FRAME BE A PARK

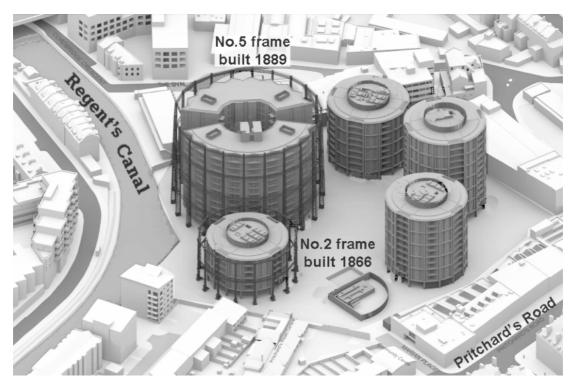
The planning application fills both gasholder frames with flats and adds 3 extra towers, a total of 555 homes (408 private, 84 'affordable rent', 63 'intermediate')

But the frames would be dismantled and repaired **off-site**, then put back without their key historic features. And there's no guarantee that they will come back.

The developers could make the smaller, older frame into a CANALSIDE PARK and still make big profits. This would keep the historic structure intact and reduce the **overshadowing** of the canal and nearby homes.



The proposal for Bethnal Green gasholder No.5 looking west on Regent's Canal Click here to <u>SIGN THE PETITION AT CHANGE.ORG</u> **SEND A LETTER** see next page This is the proposal by St William Homes (National Grid and Berkeley Group property venture) Architects Rogers Stirk Harbour & Partners.



If you are concerned, please sign the petition at change.org

SEND AN OBJECTION by 11 April (later objections will be accepted until the decision date)
Email development.control@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Subject Marian Place Gasholders PA/19/02717/A1
Say you are objecting to application no. PA/19/02717/A1
PUT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND POSTCODE to make it a valid objection

Some reasons to object:

- There is no guarantee that the two frames will be retained, in spite of this being part of the Tower Hamlets Local Plan (Marian Place Gas Works site)
- The gasholders' removal risks damage to the frames and results in serious loss of authenticity. They should be conserved in place, "in situ". National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 200 says development in conservation areas should "enhance or better reveal the significance of historic assets". The canal and the gasholders are historic assets within the Regent's Canal conservation area and should be treated as such.
- The smaller No.2 Columnar Guide Frame is the oldest surviving gasholder guide frame in the world. The larger No.5 lattice guide frame is one of the few surviving examples built by Samuel Cutler and Sons. As a pair they are important because they represent the two main types of historic gasholder guide frames on the Regent's Canal.
- Overdevelopment: filling both frames is unnecessary. It will overshadow the canal and nearby homes. The canal's biodiversity will be harmed.
- Too little green space for 555 flats. The smaller gasholder should contain a canalside park, to fully appreciate this historic structure, and the canal.