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Canal & River Trust
Trustee of the waterway's infrastructure
National waterway's museum
South Pier Road
Ellesmore port
Cheshire, CH65 4FW.

Re: LW/Prop41

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you to object to the above planned sale of land at Limehouse Lock in East London. I am writing on behalf of Lower Regent's Coalition and it's 1500 members.

The reasons for the objection are set out below.

Firstly, this area is where we launch our canoes for our monthly community litter picks along the Regent's canal. We have been running these for 13 years in conjunction with Moo Canoes. If the land is sold, then we cannot launch boats from here. We also run events for disadvantaged local groups and schools. We feel it is very important that these groups have free access to the waterways, both for education and wellbeing. This sale will bring these events to an end.

Secondly, this is a very negative move regarding the historic aspect of the lock. The view and access will be lost. One day the second lock chamber may be required and reopened, this sale will mean this cannot happen.

Finally, the idea of having cars parked alongside the canal is abhorrent. Cars will leak oil and petrol directly into the waterway. How can this be allowed?

I understand that the Trust needs to generate income, but the negative impact of this sale totally outweighs the small amount of income it will generate, please reconsider this proposal.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

D. Bedford (Chairman)